

**Georgia State University Library  
Collection Development Policy  
Department of Physical Therapy**

**Purpose of the Collection:** To support the curricular and research needs of faculty and students in the Department of Physical Therapy. The Department offers a single degree, the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT). The mission of the department is to prepare doctors of physical therapy who are committed to clinical excellence, professional distinction, and the pursuit of scholarly activities that contribute to the body of scientific and clinical knowledge.

**General Collection Guidelines:**

- a. **Languages:** Only English language materials are acquired.
- b. **Chronological Guidelines:** Current scholarship is the primary focus.
- c. **Geographical Guidelines:** No limit is placed on the geographic scope of materials.
- d. **Date of Publication:** Emphasis is on current imprints. Older materials are purchased only if specifically requested by faculty.
- e. **Types of Materials:** Monographs, electronic resources, periodicals, handbooks, manuals, upper and some lower level textbooks, and some transactions of conference and symposia are to be collected. DVDs are of some interest to the department and are selected in cooperation with faculty.
- f. **Treatment of the Subject:** The collection provides research level support for the concentrations covered by the Department.

**Related Collection Development Policies:**

- Biology
- Gerontology
- Kinesiology and Health
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Respiratory Therapy

