

**What is the GVSU DPT Pro Bono Clinic?**

Established in 2000, our mission is to provide pro bono PT services to those in the Grand Rapids community who cannot afford health care, and to provide learning opportunities to licensed and student physical therapists. The pro bono services are coordinated by students enrolled in the DPT program under the direction of Professor Dr. Laurie Stickler. Treatment is completed by GVSU DPT students in collaboration with physical therapists from the community and the university who volunteer their time to help provide care as well as contribute to the education of the students. Patients treated are those with primarily orthopedic conditions and disabilities and all services are provided at no cost to patients and participants. The clinics serve primarily non-English speaking individuals for which interpretation services are available.

**When in the program is this opportunity available?**

DPT students are able to volunteer at the Pro Bono Clinic during the summer of their first year and can continue to volunteer throughout the program.

**Who can participate?**

- DPT students can volunteer after they return from their first clinical.
- Any licensed PT who has filled out the necessary paperwork can volunteer at the clinic.

**Where does this opportunity take place?**

- Family Health Center, 72 Sheldon Blvd SE, Grand Rapids MI 49503
- Advent Physical Therapy, 150 Jefferson SE, Ste. 100, Grand Rapids MI 49503

**What is the average time commitment for this opportunity?**

Both clinics are open on Fridays and both DPT students and community PT's sign up for 4 hour segments. There is no limit to how many sessions one volunteers for at the clinics.

**Who is the best person to contact to obtain more information on this opportunity?**

Laurie Stickler [sticklel@gvsu.edu](mailto:sticklel@gvsu.edu)

**Does this opportunity cost anything to the student(s)?**

There is no cost to students to participate, however students are responsible for gas/travel costs incurred when traveling to/from the clinics.