

WFPT Student answers to common questions over the years

Wadsworth Family Physical Therapy is a private practice founded in 1991 by Kathy and Vince Whalen.

- Dress Code: Business casual. Male students are asked to wear a collared shirt. No jeans or leggings. Professional jewelry only.
- Clinical Hours: Variable based on the clinic needs; patient needs staff vacations, and holidays etc. Generally the clinic treats patients M, W, F from 7AM to 7PM and T and TH from 7AM until 6PM.
- Student Schedule: Schedules are made on a weekly basis and are generally emailed one - two weeks ahead. If the student needs any special scheduling accommodations be sure to contact the clinic well before your start date so that we can work to try and meet your requests.
- Student day off requests: First follow your schools protocol and then contact the clinic well before your arrival so that accommodations can be made.
- WFPT treats a wide variety of patients with neurological, vestibular and orthopedic disorders from newborns to elderly. Please let us know before your clinical experience begins if you have an area of special interest so that we can try to meet your particular needs.
- Required reading for orthopedic students: Robin McKenzie's work on the spine, Brian Mulligan's work on mobilization, Chris Powers work on the knee.
- Required reading for those on neuro/vestibular rotation: Herdman's work on the vestibular system.
- The staff here has the following interests and certifications: OCS, NCS, cert MDT, pelvic certification, Mulligan certification, Pilate's certification, TMJ, orthotics, and lymphatic treatment.
- Currently on the staff there are 7 PT's and 1 PTA.
- Bring a laptop to the clinic each day. This will allow you efficiently used evidence based care and evaluations.
- Parking: free parking in the lot next to the building. Please park as far from the building as possible to better accommodate our patients.
- Please be sure to locate the AED unit on the first day of your clinical.

- Cleaning: There are spray bottles located throughout the clinic. Use them to clean the treatment tables after each patient uses them. A horizontal pillow indicates a dirty/used table and a vertical pillow indicates a clean/unused table. Graston tools are to be cleaned after each use with the disinfectant in the spray bottles. Silicon cups should be cleaned with disinfectant wipes or placed in the dirty bin to be cleaned later after each use. Electrodes are placed in the cleaning bin after each use. The VNG goggles are to be cleaned with the disinfection wipes located in the VNG room after each use.

We enjoy having students and are committed to improving your skills.

Vince Whalen