



To whom it may concern,

My name is Chip Fisher. I am a physical therapist with over 25 years of experience. I am one of the owners of Fyzical Therapy and Balance Center (Sarasota-Cattlemen location). I have had the honor of being on the Keiser University Sarasota Physical Therapy Assistant Advisory Board since it's inception. I have also had the pleasure of mentoring numerous Keiser University PTA students for their clinical internships.

When asked to be on the advisory board, I jumped at the offer. Educating others is a central tenant of our profession and is needed to be a successful PT/PTA. Not being a professor, this was a great opportunity to contribute to our professions growth. I believe the advisory board has helped Keiser's PTA program respond to the needs of the local area when it comes to the model PTA employee that the community is in need of. Being an advisory board member has allowed myself and others to give the program feedback we are seeing in the clinical setting. This in turn has allowed the program to make adjustments if needed.

Having Keiser University have a PTA program that is local in our market has been an asset to our community. The rehabilitation market in this area has been continuing to grow. We are always on the lookout for new caring, well-educated and trained individuals to fill roles on our team. We currently employ 4 Keiser University graduates and know of numerous other graduates that are currently working at the other local Fyzical franchise locations (10 locations total currently). Beyond the Fyzical locations, we have recommended Keiser graduates to many other employers throughout the Manasota market and have heard only positive feedback regarding their employment.

Our area's ongoing growth in population will only cause an increased demand for PT services which means an increased demand for quality PTA's to care for the community. As such, I am looking forward to continuing to be a part of the advisory board and to continue to mentor Keiser University students.

Sincerely,

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