## Intent to Apply for Distinction in Research

### Due Date
January 31 of the first year of your School of Health Professions (SHP) program (MLS, OT, PA, PT, RC, SLP). Students in a three-year program can apply in their first year or second year (*programs include OT, PT and PA*). January 31 due date

### Description
The distinction acknowledges students who demonstrate a dedicated commitment to enriching their education with independent research while maintaining high academic standards during school.

### Requirements
- Maintain minimum GPA of 3.5 throughout program (if fall below 3.5 then allowed one probationary semester)
- Mentor must be a UTHSCSA faculty member
- Only one student accepted per SHP program
- Attendance at SHP research lunch and learns and the SHP research retreat (begins after acceptance in the program (March 1) and continues until December research retreat). Faculty mentor will also have to attend
- Abstract submission and acceptance to conference (state, national or international)
- Present research overview at the SHP Distinction Committee meeting prior to symposium
- Present research at Distinction in Research lunch time symposium in Spring of graduation year

### Student Name

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### Project Title
Concisely state the goals of the proposed research and summarize the expected outcome(s).

### Specific Aims

### Research Strategy

#### SIGNIFICANCE:
*Explain the importance of the problem that this project addresses as well as how the proposed project will improve scientific knowledge and/or clinical practice.*

#### INNOVATION:
*Explain how the application challenges or adds to current research or clinical practice paradigms. Describe any novel methods, instrumentation or interventions to be used, and any advantage over existing methods, instrumentation or interventions.*

#### APPROACH:
*Describe the overall strategy, study design, study conditions (e.g., treatments/interventions), method for gathering data, sampling strategy and sample size, and data analysis.*

### Supervision
Due to the nature of the Distinction in Research requirements, your active mentorship and engagement is extremely important. By signing below, you agree to mentor the student’s research project. This entails the requirements described above including submission to a conference.
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