

# 2022 School of Health Professions Distinguished Alumni

Chad D. Davenport, PT, DPT, SCS

*c/o of MS 2007 & DPT 2011*

Dr. Chad Davenport was born and raised in Southeast Texas, graduating from Santa Fe High School in 1995. He then attended Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas where he graduated with a Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science and a Minor in Biology.

After completion of his undergraduate work, he sought employment at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) to continue his journey toward becoming a physical therapist (PT). He joined the Department of Rehab Services in 2000 as a rehabilitation aide for the outpatient team and later trained in the acute care setting. During this time, he continued evening classes to meet the requirements for the UTMB physical therapy program.

Initially unsuccessful in getting into the program, Dr. Davenport eventually entered the UTMB PT program in 2004. He continued to work as a rehab aide while in the physical therapy program and earned a Master of Physical Therapy degree in 2007. He then began work at the Primary Care Pavilion as an outpatient physical therapist. The development of a Doctoral program at UTMB allowed him to enter the Transitional Physical Therapy program, which he completed in 2011.

During his years as a staff PT, Dr. Davenport continued to improve his knowledge and skills by obtaining Board Specialty certifications in Orthopedics and then in Sports Physical Therapy through the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). He added a Certification Specialty in Strength and Conditioning through the National Strength and Conditioning Association to further enhance his skill set in sports rehabilitation. He went on to obtain a Credentialed Clinical Instructor designation through the APTA to assist with the education of future physical therapists.

In 2013, Dr. Davenport and his colleagues developed the UTMB Orthopedic Physical Therapy Residency which earned Accreditation from the APTA the following year. This program continues to develop post-graduate physical therapists seeking Board Certification in Orthopedics. He currently serves as the Program Director and Clinical Coordinator while also serving as teaching and clinical mentoring faculty.

More recently, Dr. Davenport moved into the Team Lead position at the UTMB Sports Medicine clinic at the League City campus. Additionally, he continues to treat patients, participates in clinical research, performs peer reviews for the Journal of Sports Physical Therapy (JOSPT), and presents occasionally in clinical education settings.

In his spare time, Dr. Davenport enjoys spending time with his amazing wife, Holly, and their two sons, Ethan and Drew. He enjoys traveling, sports, and coaching his sons' teams.