Program Director- Michael Cox, PT, DPT, OCS, SCS, MBA

Michael graduated from The University of Texas at El Paso with a Master of Physical Therapy degree in 1999, where he was named the "Outstanding Scholar" of the graduating class. He has a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Sciences from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and a Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sports Studies from the University of Texas at Arlington. He received his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Hardin Simmons University in 2010.

Since his graduation, Michael has practiced in orthopedic and sports medicine physical therapy settings. In June 2003, the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) certified him as a clinical specialist in orthopedic physical therapy. In 2015, he also received his Sports Therapy Certification (SCS). In 2002, he won the Dorothy Briggs Memorial Scientific Inquiry Award from the APTA for research on the effects of different types of warm-up before stretching the calf muscles.

He managed a large PT physician group for 16 years and owned a private practice for over ten years. He has treated athletes and sports medicine injuries, emphasizing functional exercise progressions, corrective exercise techniques, and manual therapy. Not only does he bring a high level of clinical expertise, he also brings many years of management experience from various settings within outpatient physical therapy. Michael received his MBA in Health Care Administration in 2020 from Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

He is pursuing his Doctor of Rehabilitation Sciences from Texas Tech University Health Science Center, emphasizing education.

Michael enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters outside of work. Michael is a die-hard Texas Rangers fan and loves the Texas Longhorns. Most of his time is spent on the pitch watching his daughters play soccer. He is passionate about teaching and helping mentor and develop students in the physical therapy profession.