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**Keiser University**



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As the Director of Keiser University's Physical Therapist Assistant program in Ft. Lauderdale, Dr. Donna Broide PT, MPA, DPT, Ph.D. inspires her students to make a difference in the lives of others as she promotes educational and medical social change. To remain current in the fields she teaches, Dr. Broide continues to practice as a Doctor of Physical Therapy at Florida Medical Center where she shares her knowledge and passion to facilitate optimal function in her patients.

Dr. Donna Broide has shown a commitment to lifelong learning earning two bachelor's degrees and a master's degree in Public Administration with a specialty in Health Service Administration beginning in 1982. Aspiring to assist others to pursue academic excellence, she furthered her educational background earning two Doctoral degrees from 2004-2007 including a Ph.D. in Education and a degree as a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

In addition to administrative responsibilities, teaching and mentoring students at Keiser University, Dr. Broide is an on-site reviewer for the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). As an Item Writer for the National Physical Therapy Assistant Examination (NPTE), Dr. Broide develops questions in her area of clinical expertise to contribute to the field of physical therapy. Lastly, her research interests include single parent child rearing practices, student motivation, and educational methodology.

Dr. Broide's extensive knowledge of her field, her natural compassion to teach and share her experiences enriches the academics and hands-on learning experiences of her physical therapy assistant students each and every day.