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Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2027
6:30pm – 7:30pm - PST

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Beyond the Diagnosis: Using Health Humanities to Foster Humanism in Rehabilitation (1 PDU)

Presenter Sarah Blanton, PT, DPT, Professor, Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Rehabilitation, Division of Physical Therapy and Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Humanities in Rehabilitation

Beyond the Diagnosis: Using Health Humanities to Foster Humanism in Rehabilitation will introduce participants to the field of health humanities and its role in advancing person-centered care, professional formation, and humanistic rehabilitation practice. Through exploration of literature, narrative, visual arts, poetry, and other humanities approaches, learners will examine how engaging with patients' lived experiences can deepen empathy, strengthen therapeutic presence, and support clinician well-being and reflective practice. The course will also highlight the *Journal of Humanities in Rehabilitation (JHR)*, an international peer-reviewed journal that brings together rehabilitation professionals, humanities scholars, patients, and families to expand understanding of illness, disability, and healing. Participants will review evidence supporting humanities-based approaches and identify opportunities to engage in humanities-informed scholarship, interdisciplinary collaboration, and reflective practice within rehabilitation settings.



Sarah Blanton, PT, DPT, is a professor of rehabilitation medicine at Emory University School of Medicine, Division of Physical Therapy. Dr. Blanton is an NIH-funded (National Institute of Health) researcher, with several grants exploring the integration of family carepartners into the rehabilitation process. Her DISCOVER Lab (Digital Scholarship Enhancing Rehabilitation) explores various ways digital scholarship can enhance rehabilitation research, education, and clinical practice and promote interdisciplinary collaboration. Dr. Blanton is the founding editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Humanities in Rehabilitation (JHR)*, an international, peer-reviewed journal that uses a collaborative model with humanities scholars, rehabilitation professionals, patients, and their families to deepen understanding of the lived experience of illness, disability, and healing.

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Learners will be able to:

- Define the field of health humanities and explain its relevance to rehabilitation practice, professional formation, and person-centered care across disciplines.
- Explore how literature, narrative, visual arts, poetry, and other humanities approaches can deepen understanding of patients' lived experiences and enhance therapeutic presence.
- Describe the *Journal of Humanities in Rehabilitation* and the five pillars that support interdisciplinary engagement with the humanities and identify opportunities for participation in humanities-informed scholarship, reflective practice, or collaborative projects within rehabilitation settings.

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