

COURSE: FIT 111 - Skeletal Muscle Plasticity: Implications for Physical Therapy Credits: 6 Course load: 90 hrs. Instructor: Tania de Fátima Salvini, Ph.D.

Course Overview:

a) To characterize the factors responsible for skeletal muscle plasticity.

b) To present the different mechanisms involved in skeletal muscle plasticity, emphasizing the adaptations to physical activity (exercise and training) and inactivity (disuse and denervation).

c) To discuss the different factors associated with skeletal muscle atrophy associated with body posture and immobilization.

d) To discuss the effectiveness of different clinical models used in muscle stretching programs.

e) To present the characteristics of skeletal muscle injury and its regeneration.

f) To discuss the neuromuscular mechanisms associated with skeletal muscle injury and regeneration.

Course Materials:

- 1. Richard Lieber. Skeletal muscle structure and function. Williams & Wilkins, Baltimore, USA, 1992.
- 2. Jack H Wilmore, David L Costil. Physiology of Sport and Exercise. Human Kinetics, USA, 1999
- 3. Andrew G Engel, Betty Q Banker. Myology . Editora McGraw Hill, 1996