

Northwest Arkansas Community College
Health Professions Division
Physical Therapy Assistant Program

Discipline Code

PHTA

Course Number

2332

Course Title

Special Topics in Physical Therapy

Catalog Description

This class will address current issues related to health care, the continuum of care, reimbursement considerations, administrative topics, the PT/PTA relationship, and professional development.

Prerequisites

A list of required general education courses for each program is available on the PTA website and must be passed with a grade of C or better for students to be considered eligible for acceptance into the PTA program

Credit Hours

2 credit hours

Contact hours

30 lecture contact hours

Load hours

2 load hours

Semesters Offered

Spring and Summer

ACTS Equivalent

None

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Recognize and apply legal requirements to the practice of physical therapy.
2. Apply the standards of ethical conduct, Values Based Behaviors &/or legal

practice to various situations which the PTA may encounter.

3. Demonstrate the ability to examine issues of significance to the practice of physical therapy and inform &/or influence others about these issues.

4. Evaluate documents and various guidelines that assist in the interpretations of supervisory relationships, types of supervision, limitation of practice, roles and responsibilities, & referral relationships.

5. Apply problem solving skills and conflict resolution to relevant work issues.

6. Recognize the significance and importance of continued development of knowledge and skills for the professional practice by the physical therapist assistant.

7. Apply concepts of the continuum of care and reimbursement issues to the practice of physical therapy.

8. Recognize domestic violence/abuse in the clinical setting and apply the appropriate interventions.

9. Recognize the importance of risk management issues to the safe, legal and ethical practice of physical therapy.

10. Apply job seeking skills including interviewing to the student's individual job search.

11. Recognize how current rehabilitation laws affect the practice of physical therapy, specifically the Americans with Disabilities Act and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

12. Perform critical reading of a journal article.

13. Define, describe and discuss the role of Continuous Quality Improvement in the practice of physical therapy.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students demonstrate information literacy.
- Students gain greater awareness of cultural perspectives.
- Students can write clear, coherent, well-organized documents, substantially free of errors.
- Students develop effective oral communication skills.

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