

## STANDARD COURSE OUTLINE

**PHTA 2332**            Special Topics in Physical Therapy

**PREREQUISITE**    Successful completion of PTA Semester II

### **COURSE 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.

**CREDIT HOURS:** 2 credit hours / non-transferable

**TARGET AUDIENCE:**    Students admitted to the PTA Program

### **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Required:        None (All required reading is on file in the library)

Optional:

Curtis K. The Physical Therapist's Guide to Health Care. Slack. 1999

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

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

1. Identify and discuss current issues impacting the roles and responsibilities of the physical therapist assistant in the physical therapy delivery system
2. Apply the standards of ethical conduct to various situations which the PTA may encounter
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the legislative process by contacting a legislator or regulatory agency regarding a practice issue of significance to the PTA.
4. Examine, analyze and discuss a significant practice issue impacting the practice, governance, reimbursement, or future practice of physical therapy.
5. Identify and utilize documents and various guidelines that assist in the interpretations of supervisory relationships, types of supervision, limitation of practice, decision-making strategies, and business operations.

6. Perform a self-assessment of behavior characteristics utilizing the Professional Development Plan and exhibit behaviors consistent with the generic abilities.
7. Apply problem solving skills and conflict resolution to relevant work issues
8. Recognize the significance and importance of continued development of knowledge and skills for the professional practice by the physical therapist assistant.
9. Apply concepts of the continuum of care and reimbursement issues to the practice of physical therapy.
10. Recognize domestic violence in the clinical setting and make appropriate interventions.
11. Recognize the importance of risk management issues to the safe, legal and ethical practice of physical therapy.
12. Apply job seeking skills including resume writing and interviewing to the student's individual job search.
13. Recognize how current rehabilitation laws effect the practice of physical therapy, specifically the Americans with Disabilities Act and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
14. Perform critical reading of a journal article.