

STANDARD COURSE OUTLINE

PHTA 2271 Clinical Experience I

PREREQUISITE Admission into the Physical Therapist Assistant Program (PTA)

COURSE DESCRIPTION Observation and hands-on experience in a clinical setting

CREDIT HOURS: 1 credit hour / non-transferable

TARGET AUDIENCE: Students admitted to the PTA Program

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Required: Professional Development Plan, Core Abilities & Sample Behaviors

COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

1. Attain marks at the 50% point or above for each Core Ability on the visual analog scale on the comprehensive final laboratory practical at the completion of the Fall Semester.
2. Perform activities in a responsible manner while in the supervised clinical setting by demonstrating dependability and punctuality.
3. Interact with patients, staff, and families in a respectful manner appropriate to the clinical setting.
4. Abide by facilities policies and procedures.
5. Demonstrate verbal and non-verbal communication appropriate to the clinical setting.
6. Review a medical chart and locate pertinent information.
7. Develop an organizational chart of one of the clinical affiliations attended.
8. Observe verbal and non-verbal communication with a difficult or non-verbal patient. Assess strategies used with the patient for effectiveness and ineffectiveness and the patient's response.
9. Document an observed treatment by writing a SOAP note and provide rationale for treatment based on sound evidence.
10. Perform orientation check-off for each clinical facility attended.
11. Perform basic treatment preparation in the clinical setting.
12. Explain rationale for treatment observed or assisted with and give example of other appropriate techniques within the established treatment plan.
13. Perform MMT correctly with the uncomplicated patient.
14. Perform ROM test correctly in the clinical setting with an uncomplicated patient.
15. Observe a wound in the clinical setting.

15. Observe various wheelchairs in a clinical setting. Compare & contrast 2 types of wheelchairs to include advantages and disadvantages and type patient(s) wheelchair is appropriate for
16. Perform vital sign assessment on patient in the clinical setting
17. Given PT evaluation, develop integrative treatment strategies to address each goal within the POC in didactic lab setting.
18. Develop 2 professional goals and strategies to address each goal. Reassess goals and strategies to see if met. Utilize feedback from the instructors via the PDP visual analog scale, student self assessment, grades etc.
19. Adhere to ethical and legal standards.