

Northwest Arkansas Community College Health Professions Division: Physical Therapy Program Course Outline

Course Number and Title

PHTA 2332 Special Topics in Physical Therapy

Catalog Description

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

Prerequisites

Completion of PHTA 2214, 2212, 2101, 2121, 2222, 2241, 2242, 2252, 2231, 2232, 2283, 2202, 2271, and 2213

Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load Hours

2/24/2

Target Audience

Students admitted to the PTA Program

Student 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.
12. Recognize how current rehabilitation laws affect the practice of physical therapy, specifically the Americans with Disabilities Act and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
13. Perform critical reading of a journal article.
14. Define, describe and discuss the role of Continuous Quality Improvement in the practice of physical therapy.

Forms of Assessment

- Written Examinations
- Homework
- Participation
- Student Presentations
- Case Based Problem Solving Activities