

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

**Course Number and Title**

PHTA Clinical Internship III PHTA 2413

**Catalog Description**

A five week clinical internship in a different physical therapy setting than Clinical Internship II. The course is designed to offer the student an opportunity to demonstrate clinical competency with a variety of patients. The student will work towards entry level PTA competency per CPI criteria in a clinical setting under personal supervision progressing to clinical supervision as determined by the clinical instructor. The student will perform self- assessment and goal setting for continued development of their individual Professional Development Plan.

**Prerequisites**

Completion of PHTA 2214, 2212, 2101, 2121, 2222, 2241, 2242, 2252, 2231, 2232, 2283, 2202, 2271, 2213, 2361, 2371, 2301, 2302, 2362, 2333, 2391, 2392, 2332, 2352 and 2403.

**Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load Hours**

3/175/7.5

**Target Audience**

Students admitted to the PTA Program

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of Clinical Internship III, the student will:

Meet Entry Level PTA on the NWACC Clinical Evaluation Tool for all criteria below:

SAFETY:

1. Follows Health and Safety Precautions (e.g. Universal/Standard Precautions)
2. Takes appropriate measures to minimize risk of injury to self (e.g. appropriate body mechanics)
3. Takes appropriate measures to minimize risk of injury to patient [e.g. chooses correct level of assist)

## PROFESSIONAL ETHICS:

4. Demonstrates compliance with all regulations regarding patient privacy, confidentiality, and security. (e.g. HIPAA, DOH, AR PTA Practice Act)
5. Demonstrates positive regard for patients/peers during interactions
6. Demonstrates cultural competence; shows tolerance of and sensitivity to individual differences
7. Adheres to ethical and legal standards of practice, including Practice Act and APTA Code of Ethics
8. Maintains appropriate appearance and attire in accordance with the facility's dress code
9. Maintains appropriate professional conduct and demeanor as per the Code of Professional Conduct
10. Demonstrates awareness of patients' rights and responsibilities

## INITIATIVE

11. Recognizes and maximizes opportunity for learning
12. Implements constructive criticism
13. Utilizes available resources for problem solving
14. Is a positive contributor to the efficient operation of the clinic through the demonstration of teamwork and flexibility

## COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Communicates verbally with precise and appropriate terminology and in a timely manner:

15. With patients and families/caregivers
16. With healthcare professionals (e.g. PT, MD, nurses, insurance carriers, case managers, OT, ST, etc.)

Communicates in writing with precise and appropriate terminology and in a timely manner.

17. Documentation standards (e.g. concise, accurate, legible; conforms with standard procedures)
18. With professionals (e.g. documentation, letters, etc.)
19. With patients and families/caregivers (e.g. patient home programs, etc.)

## INTERVENTION

20. Utilizes and adheres to PT POC during treatment intervention selection and performance
21. Applies effective treatment using appropriate psychomotor skills
22. Incorporates patient/family education into treatment when applicable
23. Incorporates discharge planning into treatment when applicable
24. Assesses progress of patient using appropriate tests and measures
25. Modifies intervention within the PT POC according to patient/client's response to treatment
26. Recognizes when expected outcomes have been reached and makes appropriate D/C recommendations
27. Recognizes the need to consult PT for changes in patient status, revision or addition of goals, or the need for reevaluation

## CQI AND LIFELONG LEARNING

28. Participate in an orientation of the department and hospital as determined by the facility.
29. Perform self-assessments @ midterm and final of clinical experience using CPI.
30. Perform assessment of clinical site.
31. Assess appropriateness of self-learning objectives and strategies utilizing data obtained during Clinical Internship II.
32. Evaluate quality improvement/assurance
33. Evaluate aspects of organizational planning and operation

## **Forms of Assessment**

- Clinical Evaluation Tool
- Professional Development Plan
- Homework
- Site Assessments