

Northwest Arkansas Community College
Health Professions Division
Physical Therapy Assistant Program

Discipline Code

PHTA

Course Number

2271

Course Title

Clinical Experience I

Catalog Description

Students begin with classroom instruction and then perform observation and limited hands-on experience in a clinical setting under personal supervision. Students attend for six consecutive Wednesday's.

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

1 credit hour

Contact hours

15/48 lecture/clinical contact hours

Load hours

1 load hour

Semesters Offered

Fall

ACTS Equivalent

None

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Attain marks at the 50% point or above for each PDP 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 if applicable
16. 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
17. Perform vital sign assessment on patient in the clinical setting
18. Given a PT evaluation, develop integrative treatment strategies to address each goal within the POC in didactic lab setting.
19. 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.
20. Adhere to ethical and legal standards.
- 21 Apply the concepts of universal and standard precautions, to include the correct utilization of the appropriate PPE gear during clinical rotations.
22. Recognize types of BBP and the transmission process for each.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- 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.