

Northwest Arkansas Community College
Health Professions Division
Physical Therapy Assistant Program

Discipline Code

PHTA

Course Number

2413

Course Title

Clinical Internship III

Catalog Description

A five-week clinical internship in a physical therapy setting following the completion of the didactic program and successful performance on the Clinical Competency Exam. 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. (Clinical Supervision: The Clinical Instructor is on site and immediately available for direction and supervision. Personal Supervision: The Clinical Instructor must observe and/or assist with all patient care.) The student will perform self-assessment and goal setting for continued development of their individual Professional Development Plan.

Prerequisites

PHTA 2403. 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

3 credit hours

Contact hours

200 clinical contact hours as required by accreditation

Load hours

7.5 load hour

Semesters Offered

Summer

ACTS Equivalent

None

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

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

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 NWACC Grading tool.
30. Perform assessment of clinical site.
31. Assess appropriateness of self-learning objectives and strategies utilizing data obtained during Clinical Internship I.
32. Evaluate quality improvement/assurance
33. Evaluate aspects of organizational planning and operation

- **General Education Outcomes Supported**

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students can write clear, coherent, well-organized documents, substantially free of errors.
- Students develop effective oral communication skills.
- Students can employ a variety of sources to locate, evaluate, and use Information