# STANDARD COURSE OUTLINE

**PHTA 2332** Special Topics in Physical Therapy

## **PREREQUISITE:**

MATH	1204	College Algebra <b>OR</b>
MATH	1003	Math for AAS
BIOL	2214	Anatomy & Physiology I
BIOL	2224	Anatomy & Physiology II
PSYC	2003	General Psychology
<b>ENGL</b>	1013	English Composition I
<b>ENGL</b>	1023	English Composition II OR
<b>ENGL</b>	2013	Technical Writing
AHSC	1001	Medical Terminology
CISQ	1103	Introduction To Computer Information
PHTA	2105	Clinical Kinesiology

Admission into the Physical Therapist Assistant Program, Successful completion of summer and fall technical courses.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

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

**CREDIT HOURS:** 2 credit hours / non-transferable; 2.5 contact hours; 2 load hours

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Students admitted to the PTA Program

**INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:** See Instructor for Details

#### 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 &/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. Identify and utilize documents and various guidelines that assist in the interpretations of supervisory relationships, types of supervision, limitation of practice, roles/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 in the clinical setting and 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 resume writing and 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.
- Define, describe and discuss the role of Continuous Quality Improvement in the practice of 14. physical therapy.

### **TOPICS**

Role and responsibilities in the physical therapy delivery system Supervisory and Referral Relationships Conflict Management

Service Delivery Settings, Continuum of Care, Reimbursement & Productivity

Ethical Conduct and Issues for the PTA

Basic Research Concepts, Critical Reading, & Evidence Based Practice

Time / Patient Management for the PTA

Continuing Education

The Legislative Process & Significant Issues in Physical Therapy

Current Laws

Domestic Violence

Risk Management

Job Seeking Skills

# METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

**Small Group Activities** Discussion Assignments

Case based learning