COURSE INFORMATION FORM

DISCIPLINE:  Physical Therapist Assistant
COURSE TITLE:  Clinical Immersion

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION
Supervised clinical immersion into the practical application of techniques and procedures covered in all previous PTHA courses. The student clinician will assist the physical therapist in treatment of patients in a variety of clinical settings.

PREREQUISITES
EMS 100, PTHA 153, PTHA 154, PTHA 159, PTHA 161 with a C or higher

EXPECTED STUDENT OUTCOMES IN THE COURSE (ESO)

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

1. Participate in the practical application of modalities such as superficial and deep heat, cryotherapy, whirlpool, infrared, intermittent venous compression, electrical stimulation, traction, and biofeedback.
2. Demonstrate practical application of patient care skills such as positioning, draping, bed mobility, transfers, passive range of motion, wound care, and massage.
3. Implement data collection techniques within the physical therapist’s plan of care such as: goniometry, manual muscle testing, girth measurements, sensation, pain, posture, vital signs, skin integrity and wounds.
4. Complete the preparation, administration and clean-up of patient treatment consistent with the role of the physical therapist assistant in carrying out the plan of care of the supervising physical therapist.
5. Demonstrate proper safety in the clinic with patient, self, staff and equipment.
6. Demonstrate proper written, verbal and non-verbal communication skills.
7. Categorize pertinent subjective and objective patient information through patient interview and medical chart review.
8. Demonstrate appropriate inter-professional and patient-therapist rapport.
9. Demonstrate professional and ethical conduct in the clinical setting.
10. Complete self-assessment of personal strengths and weaknesses and relate this information to the clinical instructor.

GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES (ESO)
Specify which general education outcomes, if any, are substantially addressed by the course. Numbers in parentheses identify the Expected Student Outcomes linked to the specific General Education Outcome.

Outcomes  ESO
PROGRAM-LEVEL OUTCOMES

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OUTCOMES
Specify which Career and Technical program outcomes, if any, are substantially addressed by the course by completing the “Career and Technical Education template” to show the relationship between course and program outcomes to assessment measures.

1. Communicates effectively (6, 7, 8)
2. Demonstrates professional behaviors consistent with the physical therapy profession. (8, 9)
3. Competently assist in the implementation of the physical therapy plan of care (1-5, 7)
4. Practice skills required to perform administrative duties consistent with the role of a physical therapist assistant. (4)

CLASS-LEVEL ASSESSMENT MEASURES
Student accomplishment of expected student outcomes may be assessed using the following measures. (Identify which measures are used to assess which outcomes.)

1. Evaluation of student performance instrument (1-10)
2. Post clinical reflection (10)
3. Medical chart review and patient interview (7)
4. SOAP notes (6)
5. Data Collection Assignment (2, 5, 6, 8)
6. Diagnosis exposure log (2, 3)
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Individual instructors may order this outline as fits the needs of their individual courses. In addition, they may place more emphasis on some areas than on others. What is assured is that this particular list is covered in the course. Other topics may be added to a course as the instructor sees fit, and as time and interest allow. An *asterisk can be used to mark an item as optional.

I. Communication Skills
   A. Written
   B. Verbal
   C. Non-verbal

II. Interpersonal Skills
    A. Communication
    B. Active Listening
    C. Feedback
    D. Attentiveness
    E. Flexibility

III. Written Documentation
     A. SOAP Notes
     B. Electronic Health Record

IV. Professional Conduct
    A. Professional Behavior
    B. Ethical Behavior

V. Data Collection
   A. Vital Signs
   B. Sensation
   C. Pain
   D. Patient Appearance and Behavior

VI. Privacy & Safety Practices
    A. HIPAA Compliance
    B. Clear Patient Direction
    C. Requesting Assistance
    D. Patient Mobility
    E. Infection Control

VII. Patient Care Skills
     A. Positioning and Draping
     B. Bed Mobility and Transfers
     C. Passive Range of Motion
     D. Massage
     E. Wound Care

VIII. Modalities
      A. Hot Moist Pack
      B. Deep Heat
      C. Cryotherapy
      D. Traction
      E. Electrical Stimulation