

Program Level Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program, the student will:

1. Exhibit conduct that reflects a commitment to meet or exceed the expectations of the community and other members of the healthcare profession.
 - i. Evidenced by satisfactory completion of performance criteria numbers 1-6, 8-9, and 11-18 (achieves 80% or greater on the CPI VAS) in the PTA Clinical Performance Instrument (CPI) during the terminal clinical rotations.
2. Safely and effectively implement selected interventions identified in the plan of care as directed by the supervising physical therapist.
 - i. Evidenced by satisfactory completion of performance numbers 1-6, 8-9 and 11-18 (achieves 80% or greater on the CPI VAS) in the PTA Clinical Performance Instrument (CPI) during the terminal clinical rotations.
3. Perform appropriate data collection skills essential for carrying out the plan of care in order to quantify the patient's response to treatment and modify treatments within the plan of care.
 - i. Evidenced by satisfactory completion (achieves 80% or greater on the CPI VAS) for performance criteria numbers 7, and 9-11 on the PTA Clinical Performance Instrument during the terminal clinical rotations.
4. Complete thorough, accurate, logical, concise, timely, and legible documentation to support the delivery of physical therapy services.
 - i. Evidenced by satisfactory completion (achieves 80% or greater on the CPI VAS) for performance criteria numbers 7 and 10 on the PTA Clinical Performance Instrument during the terminal clinical rotations.
5. Work effectively in a clinical setting under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist.
 - i. Evidenced by satisfactory completion (achieves 80% or greater on the CPI VAS) for performance criteria numbers 2, 6, 8-9 and 11-15 on the PTA Clinical Performance Instrument during the terminal clinical rotations.
6. Communicate verbally and non-verbally with the patient, physical therapist, health care delivery personnel, and others in an effective, appropriate, and capable manner.
 - i. Evidenced by satisfactory completion (achieves 80% or greater on the CPI VAS) for performance criteria numbers 1-6, and 13 on the PTA Clinical Performance Instrument during the terminal clinical rotations.
7. Possess the knowledge to think independently and critically, use fundamental theory, and basic sciences to solve patient care during clinical practice.
 - i. Evidenced by satisfactory completion of (Achieves 80% or greater on the CPI VAS) for performance criteria numbers 8-9, 11-15 and 19 on the PTA Clinical Performance Instrument during the terminal clinical rotations.
8. Educate patients, families, caregivers, and members of the health care team using relative instruction methods commensurate with the needs of the learner.
 - i. Evidenced by satisfactory completion of (Achieves 80% or greater on the CPI VAS) for performance criteria numbers 13 and 20 during the terminal clinical rotations.

Clinical Performance Instrument (CPI) Performance Criteria

1. Performs in a safe manner that minimizes risk to patient, self, and others.
2. Conducts self in a responsible manner.
3. Interacts with others in a respectful manner.
4. Adheres to ethical standards.
5. Adheres to legal standards.
6. Communicates in ways that are congruent with situational needs.
7. Produces documentation to support the delivery of physical therapy services.
8. Delivers established patient care to reflect respect for and sensitivity to individual differences.
9. Participates in patient status judgments within the clinical environment based on the plan of care established by the physical therapist.
10. Obtains accurate information by performing selected data collection consistent with the plan of care established by the physical therapist.
11. Discusses the need for modification to the plan of care established by the physical therapist.
12. Performs physical therapy interventions in a technically competent manner.
13. Educates others (patients, family, caregivers, staff, students, other health care providers) using relevant and effective teaching methods.
14. Participates in: activities addressing quality of service delivery.
15. Participates in addressing patient needs for services other than physical therapy.
16. Manages resources (i.e. time, space, and equipment) to achieve the goals of the clinical setting.
17. Participates in fiscal management of the physical therapy clinical setting.
18. Uses physical therapy aides and other support personnel according to legal standards and ethical guidelines.
19. Implements a self-directed plan for career development and lifelong learning.
20. Assists the physical therapist in addressing primary and secondary prevention needs of individuals and groups.