

PT 652: CLINICAL EXPERIENCE I

Description:

Full-time, 9-week clinical experience in a selected physical therapy center throughout the United States.

Department Offering the Course:

Physical Therapy

Credit Hours: 9 hours

Instructors:

Clock Hours and Schedule:

40 hours per week at a facility, participating in a 9-week clinical experience

Course Prerequisites:

Registered in Professional Physical Therapy curriculum

Course Objectives:

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

1. Practice in a safe manner that minimizes risk to patient, self and others.
2. Present self in a professional manner.
3. Demonstrate professional behavior during interactions with others.
4. Adhere to ethical practice standards.
5. Adhere to legal practice standards.
6. Communicate in ways that are congruent with situational needs.
7. Produce documentation to support the delivery of physical therapy services.
8. Adapt delivery of physical therapy care to reflect respect for and sensitivity to individual differences.
9. Apply the principles of logic and the scientific method to the practice of physical therapy.
10. Screen patients using procedures to determine the effectiveness of and need for physical therapy services.
11. Perform a physical therapy patient examination.

Upon completion of the course, the student will begin to:

12. Evaluate clinical findings to determine physical therapy diagnosis, prognosis, and outcomes of care.
13. Design a physical therapy plan of care that integrates goals, treatment, outcomes, discharge plan, is safe, effective, patient-centered, and evidence-based.
14. Perform physical therapy interventions in a competent manner.

15. Educate others (patients, family, caregivers, staff, students, other health care providers) using relevant and effective teaching methods.
16. Participate in activities addressing quality of service delivery.
17. Provide consultation to individuals, businesses, schools, government agencies, or other organizations.
18. Address patient needs for services other than physical therapy as needed.
19. Manage resources (e.g., time, space, equipment) to achieve goals of the practice setting.
20. Describe and interpret the economic factors in the delivery of physical therapy services.
21. Use support personnel according to legal standards and ethical guidelines.
22. Demonstrates that a physical therapist has professional/social responsibilities beyond those defined by work expectations and job description.
23. Implement a self-directed plan for professional development and lifelong learning.
24. Address primary and secondary prevention, wellness, and health promotion needs of individuals, groups and communities.

Description of Teaching Methods and Learning Experiences:

Full-time clinical experience; the student follows the schedule of the supervising clinical instructor.

Outline of Content:

Supervised experience in clinical instruction including patient/client management, prevention, education and patient/therapist relationships. The student participates in a nine-week clinical experience in one of the following settings: in-patient (acute care, transitional care unit, skilled nursing facility, or rural critical access hospital) or out-patient orthopedics.

Method of Student Evaluation / Grading:

The Clinical Performance Instrument (CPI) reiterates the clinical objectives for clinical experiences at UND. Each objective on the form is, in fact, a criterion for assessment of the student's performance. A passing grade will be given to a student who satisfies the following course requirements.

1. Communicate with assigned SCCE or CI 6-8 weeks prior to the start of each clinical experience.
2. Update of student information in clinical education database prior to clinical experience.
3. Maintains an updated CPR certification for the Healthcare provider.
4. Maintains health insurance coverage.
5. Upload requested health requirements to our clinical education database and provide to clinical sites as requested.

6. Forms to be signed and submitted to the DCE by the specified due dates.
 - a. Student Clinical Performance Instrument (mid-term and final)
 - b. Student Evaluation of Clinical Site
 - c. Student Evaluation of Clinical Supervisor (mid-term and final)
 - d. Diagnoses Treated in the Clinical Setting
7. Compliance with Clinical Experience Guidelines as documented in the Physical Therapy Student Handbook (attendance is mandatory).
8. Student is expected to achieve above Intermediate performance on all standards of the CPI (entry-level performance is not expected).
(*The clinical instructor will score the student based upon performance versus program expectation.)

*All paperwork will be completed and submitted electronically; if it is not submitted by the assigned due date it may affect the course grade.

Required and Recommended Readings:

No specific text is required. During the clinical experience, students are encouraged to utilize personal, clinical department, local medical libraries and on-line services through SMHS Library for reference for reference materials to assist in clinical decision-making and problem-solving.