

PT 528: CLINICAL EXPERIENCE I / PT 529: CLINICAL EXPERIENCE II

Instructors:

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Description:

Full-time clinical experience (two nine-week segments) in selected physical therapy provider centers throughout the United States. (9 credit hours each)

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, and discharge plan.
14. Perform physical therapy interventions in a competent manner.
15. Educate others (patients, family, care givers, 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 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.

Course Prerequisites:

Registered in Professional Physical Therapy Curriculum

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 two separate nine-week clinical experiences including acute care, with an emphasis either in outpatient or inpatient care, and outpatient orthopedic center or rural setting.

Required and Recommended Readings:

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

Method of Evaluation:

The attached CPI reiterates the clinical objectives for clinical experiences at UND. Each objective on the form is, in fact, a criteria for assessment of the student's performance. Specific grading criteria are a passing grade will be given to a student who satisfies the following course requirements.

1. Communicate with assigned CCCE or CI 6-8 weeks prior to the start of each clinical experience.
2. Completion of student information form 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 student system (Acadaware) 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
 - e. Two-Week Clinical Experience
7. Compliance with Clinical Experience Guidelines as documented in the Physical Therapy Student Handbook (attendance is mandatory).
8. Completion of CPI by clinical instructor with a performance rating of all criteria below the "Intermediate Performance" for a letter grade of 'C'; performance rating of all criteria at "Intermediate Performance" for a letter grade of 'B'; and performance rating of all criteria above "Intermediate Performance" for a letter grade of 'A'. Any safety issues will constitute failure of the clinical experience. The expectation is independence in examination, development of plan of care and treatment of patients with simple conditions.

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