

Montgomery County Community College
 PTA 203
 Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Roles, Relationships and Responsibilities Seminar
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Third of four seminars designed to foster professional development and prepare the physical therapist assistant (PTA) student to successfully complete essential competencies and behaviors in the field of physical therapy. Learning opportunities assist in the transition from student to entry-level clinician. Activities include national board exam review preparation, Pennsylvania State PTA certification application process, job search strategies, resume development, and professional interview skills. Student self-assessment of performance and behavioral expectations met during the concurrent PTA 222 Clinical Education II experience is explored.

PREREQUISITE(S):

PTA 210 Pathology & Rehabilitation or Neurological Conditions Across the Lifespan and Continuum of Care

PTA 220 Pathology & Rehabilitation of Special Populations and Conditions Across the Lifespan and Continuum of Care

CO-REQUISITE(S):

PTA 222 Clinical Education II

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

LEARNING OUTCOMES	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Describe the Pennsylvania Physical Therapist Assistant certification process.	Lecture / Discussion Textbook Readings Supplemental Handouts	Written Assignments Portfolio Completion
2. Implement strategies to support successful completion of the National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination.	Lecture / Discussion Textbook Readings Supplemental Handouts	Written Assignments Mock Exams
3. Utilize strategies to support employability skills.	Lecture / Discussion Textbook Readings Supplemental Handouts Resume Preparation	Job Search Project Portfolio Completion Mock Interview

LEARNING OUTCOMES	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
4. Summarize case study information including related healthcare literature as support.	Textbook Readings Supplemental Handouts Case Study / Application Healthcare literature review.	Written Assignments Student Presentations
5. Assess self on PTA values based behaviors.	Lecture / Discussion Textbook Readings Supplemental Handouts	Reflective Journal Portfolio Completion

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria.*

SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

1. Pennsylvania Physical Therapist Assistant Certification Application Process
 - a. Requirements for Certification
 - b. Temporary Certificate
2. National Physical Therapy Examination Exam Prep
 - a. Practice Exam & Assessment Tool
3. Employability Skills
 - a. Resume Preparation
 - b. Job Search Strategies
 - c. Interview Strategies
 - d. Types of Employment
4. Reflections on Clinical Education III Experiences
 - a. Student Case Studies
5. Reflections on Behavioral Expectations
 - a. Values-Based Behaviors for the Physical Therapist Assistant Self-Assessment Tool

LEARNING MATERIALS:

Clynch, H. (2012) *The Role of the Physical Therapist Assistant – Regulations and Responsibilities* (1st ed.). Philadelphia, PA: F.A. Davis Company.

Curtis, K. and DeCelle-Newman, P. (2015) *The PTA Handbook – Keys to Success in School and Career for the Physical Therapist Assistant* (2nd ed.). Thorofare, NJ: SLACK Incorporated.

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

COURSE APPROVAL:

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This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.