

## **Pennsylvania College of Technology**

**School:** School of Nursing & Health Sciences

**Department:** Department of Physical Therapist Assistant

**Course Number and Section:** PTA 270

**Course Title:** Level 2A Clinical Experience

**Course Instructor:** Christine Tilburg, PT

**Date:** Summer Year 2

**Location:** Clinical Education Site

**Credits:** 3 Credits (280 Hours)

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### **Course Description:**

A minimum of seven weeks of full-time supervised clinical experience practicing the skills of an entry-level PTA. Students are assigned to an orthopedic, long-term care, or acute-care setting where they receive practical experience integrating and applying knowledge and skills to patients/clients of a variety of ages and conditions. All activities will be performed in the presence of a licensed physical therapist. Students must successfully complete all required coursework of the PTA curriculum, provide documentation of current CPR certification, and gain approval of the department prior to enrolling in this course. Grading evaluated as Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory. NOTE: Student is responsible for room, board and all transportation to and from the clinical site. Designed to provide a minimum of 280 clinical education hours.

**Special Designator:** None

**Credit Hours:** 3 Credits (0 Lecture – 9 Clinical Experience)

**Pre-Requisites:** None

**Co-Requisites:** PTA275

**Scheduling (Optional):** Summer Only

**Course Rationale:**

This is the second clinical education experience for students to integrate skills and knowledge learned during the academic portion of study and helps to fulfill the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) requirement for clinical education prior to graduation from an accredited program. This clinical experience provides the opportunity for skilled practice of technical course work with emphasis on hands-on patient interactions in one of three different practice settings.

**Student Outcomes:**

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

1. consistently demonstrate appropriate professional behaviors during interactions with patients, family, caregivers, physical therapy personnel, and other healthcare providers;
2. demonstrate the ability to safely and competently perform physical therapy data collection and treatment interventions from within the physical therapist's plan of care with minimal guidance by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant;
3. demonstrate the ability to perform adequate communication with the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant regarding treatment interventions, data collection, and patient response to treatment with minimal guidance from a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant;
4. compose written documentation, with minimal guidance, that is compliant with regulatory agencies and includes appropriate information regarding all aspects of the patient's treatment, including their response to treatment;
5. demonstrate the ability to participate in the education of a patient, family member, or caregiver, other healthcare providers, consumers, or other physical therapy personnel with occasional guidance;
6. demonstrate the ability to participate in scheduling, billing, and other departmental administrative procedures with occasional guidance;
7. demonstrate the ability to participate in routine administrative roles and duties through participation in departmental meetings, committee meetings, care meetings, or case conferences as appropriate;
8. demonstrate technical skill performance and behaviors legally and ethically with occasional guidance for new or unusual situations; and
9. demonstrate the ability to self-reflect on clinical or professional experiences while maintaining regard for patient confidentiality.