**PTA 2335—Clinical Practicum I**

**Course Objectives**

1. Demonstrate appropriate professional behaviors of accountability and responsibility by completing and submitting all assignments and paperwork in a timely fashion.
2. Perform initial self-assessments of personality / learning style, and strengths, weaknesses, and problems related to professional behaviors / CPI criteria and communicate these effectively to the CI while on clinical rotation to assist in goal-setting and plan for the clinical experience.
3. Perform ongoing self-reflection on progress with clinical performance and specific highlighted clinical behaviors / activities (e.g. medical record review, data collection, selection of interventions, modifications/progressions, patient / caregiver education, …).
4. Perform midterm and final self-assessment of clinical performance utilizing the CPI assessment tool.
5. Demonstrates clinical behaviors, accountability, and safety at least at an Advanced Intermediate performance level, based on CPI criteria.
6. Maintain ongoing effective communication with CI and ACCE regarding the clinical experience to assist in problem solving and improvement of clinical skill.
7. Seeks guidance and feedback from CI and others to address limitations in clinical skill / performance behaviors.
8. Determine and carry out appropriate treatment interventions with attention to safety of the patient, self, and others, with progressively increasing independence throughout the clinical experience.
9. Verbalize and demonstrate sound clinical decisions and reasoning in patient care interventions.
10. Identify and carry out necessary changes, modifications, and progressions in treatment, with supervision of CI, as necessary, based on patient status, tolerance, and goals.
11. Provide patient and caregiver education in a way that is understandable and valuable.
12. Review and monitor medical records and plan of care in order to identify pertinent information required for appropriate and safe treatment of the patient.
13. Document patient care interventions in an acceptable format, based on the individual clinic’s policies and procedures.
14. Utilize appropriate professional and value-based behaviors in interactions within the clinical setting.
15. Abide by acceptable ethical and legal standards.
16. Perform appropriate data collection activities, based on the patient diagnosis, and report that information to the supervising PT to assist in determining appropriate care for the patient.
17. Provide effective, ongoing communication with the CI, supervising PT, and other health care providers to assure efficient and effective care to patients being treated.
18. Utilize the quality assurance tool of Patient Satisfaction Surveys to acquire feedback regarding quality of patient care.

**PTA 2330—Seminar for Clinical Practicum I**

**Course Objectives**

1. Take responsibility for completing all necessary preparatory paperwork for clinical rotation in a timely manner.
2. Develop knowledge in use of CPI tool for assessment / self-assessment while on clinic site.
3. Become familiar with what to expect during clinicals and general expectations of the CI’s / CCCE’s / clinic sites during the clinical affiliation.
4. Identify how appropriate usage of professional behaviors and value-based behaviors can impact patient care and treatment outcomes.
5. Develop skill in taking comprehensive examination online to prepare for NPTE exam.
6. Discuss various personalities and identify how one’s own personality reflects in overall temperament and preferred learning style.
7. Compare and contrast various payer systems utilized in the US healthcare system.
8. Understand billing and payment issues commonly identified in the US healthcare system.
9. Investigate the potential legal and ethical ramifications of billing and reimbursement practices in the United States.
10. Learn about quality assurance activities and how they can impact patient outcomes and satisfaction within the clinic.
11. Discuss and explore types of documentation tools, documentation styles, and how to create defensible documentation in clinical settings.
12. Display effective communication skills while educating others about physical therapy related topics and about the PTA’s role in the profession of physical therapy.