

Course Syllabus

COURSE: PTHA 2260 Clinical 1 (0:0:2)
SEMESTER: Fall
LAB TIMES: Monday - Friday 8:00AM – 5:00PM (at assigned clinical site)
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GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

It is the responsibility of each student to be familiar with the content and requirements listed in the course syllabus.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course includes a work-based learning experience (in a clinical setting) of specialized occupational theory, concepts, knowledge and skills necessary to reach competence in physical therapy practice. Direct supervision is provided by a clinical professional (either a PT or PTA licensed by the state).

COURSE PREREQUISITES

PTHA 1301, PTHA 1405, PTHA 1413, PTHA 1321, PTHA 2409

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the completion of the semester students will:

1. Apply generic abilities related to course/clinical content. (*Generic Abilities adapted from the Physical Therapy Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison, May et al. Journal of Physical Therapy Education, 9:1, Spring, 1995.*)
 - a. *Commitment to Learning* – Demonstrate the ability to self-assess, self-correct, and self-direct. Identify needs and sources of learning. Seek new knowledge and understanding.
 - b. *Interpersonal Skills* – Demonstrate the ability to interact effectively with patients, families, colleagues, other health care professionals, and the community. Demonstrate the ability to effectively deal with cultural and ethnic diversity issues.
 - c. *Communication Skills* – Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively (i.e., speaking, body language, reading, writing, and listening) for a varied audiences and purposes.
 - d. *Effective Use of Time* – Demonstrate the ability to obtain maximum benefit from a minimum investment of time and resources.
 - e. *Use of Constructive Feedback* – Demonstrate the ability to identify sources and seek out feedback and to effectively use and provide feedback for improving personal interaction.
 - f. *Problem-Solving* – Demonstrate the ability to recognize and define problems, analyze data, develop and implement solutions, and evaluate outcomes.
 - g. *Professionalism* – Demonstrate the ability to exhibit appropriate professional conduct and to represent the profession effectively.
 - h. *Responsibility* – Demonstrate the ability to fulfill commitments and to be accountable for actions and outcomes.
 - i. *Critical Thinking* – Demonstrate the ability to question logically; to recognize and differentiate facts, illusions, assumptions, and hidden assumptions; and to distinguish the relevant from the irrelevant.
 - j. *Stress Management* – Demonstrate the ability to identify sources of stress and to develop effective coping behaviors.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES, cont.

2. Describe basic concepts related to the APTA <i>Guide to Physical Therapist Practice</i> . a. Integrate basic concepts presented in the APTA <i>Guide to Physical Therapist Practice</i> related to course/clinical content. b. Interpret the parameters of the scope of practice of the PTA related to course/clinical content.
3. Practice adherence to regulations and laws pertaining to physical therapy.
4. Direct interactions to meet the economic, environmental, social, and cultural needs of patients, caregivers, and peers within the physical therapy clinic setting.
5. Develop outcome assessment related to course/clinical content. a. Evaluate outcomes of observed and chosen interventions based on plan of care. b. Provide input to the clinical instructor and/or supervising physical therapist about outcomes.

COURSE OBJECTIVES - Outline form (C-1, C-5, C-6, C-7, C-8, C-9, C-12, C-13, C-14, C-18, C-20; F-1, F-2, F-5, F-7, F-8, F-9, F-11, F-12, F-13, F-16, F-17)

At the completion of this course the student will:
• Apply generic abilities related to course/clinical content.
• Describe course/clinical concepts related to the APTA <i>Guide to Physical Therapist Practice</i> .
• Practice adherence to regulations and laws pertaining to physical therapy.
• Direct interactions to meet the economic, environmental, social, and cultural needs of patients, caregivers, and peers within the physical therapy clinic setting.
• Develop outcome assessment related to course/clinical content.

EVALUATION METHODS

Written assignments, Physical Therapist Assistant Clinical Performance Instrument, and other projects as assigned.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

Cheating - Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in the office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of coursework. This applies to quizzes of whatever length, as well as final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers.

Plagiarism - Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from themes, reports or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.

VERIFICATION OF WORKPLACE COMPETENCIES

Physical Therapist Assistants are expected to know how to read a physical therapy evaluation and plan of care and provide treatment (including the use of biophysical agents) based on their training.

BLACKBOARD

Blackboard is an e-Education platform designed to enable educational innovations everywhere by connecting people and technology. This educational tool will be used in this course throughout the semester.

FACEBOOK

The PTA Program has a Facebook page (link indicated above). In addition to the South Plains College website, this Facebook page may be used to keep students up-to-date on program activities, weather delays, South Plains College announcements and will help with program recruitment. "Liking" the South Plains College PTA Program Facebook page is not mandatory, nor are personal Facebook accounts, in order to access this page.

SPECIFIC COURSE INFORMATION

TEXT AND MATERIALS

None

ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM ITEMS

Students should attend Clinical 1 prepared as instructed by their clinical instructor. An Internet-enabled device will be useful for accessing web-based resources, Blackboard, etc.

ATTENDANCE POLICY (*READ CAREFULLY)

Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined below.

When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first class meeting.

Students who enroll in a course but have "Never Attended" by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in this course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of "X" or "F" as determined by the instructor. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their administrative drop policy in the course syllabus, and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of that policy.

It is the student's responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

http://catalog.southplainscollege.edu/content.php?catoid=47&navoid=1229#Class_Attendance

Due to the importance of the patient care information being taught, the instructor of this course defines excessive absences as missing a second clinical day without having a plan to make it up. A student who meets this criteria will be administratively dropped from the course by the instructor.

- Tardies: (Definition): arriving any time after the clinical instructor has indicated the student should arrive or not returning from an approved break by the time indicated by the clinical instructor.
- More than one tardy will not be tolerated.
- Work schedule is not an excuse for missing class.
- Any exceptions to this policy must be discussed on an individual basis with the course instructor and the PTA Program Director. (i.e. – student hospitalization, immediate family member death, etc.)

ASSIGNMENT POLICY

All assignments must be completed by the assigned due date. Late and/or incomplete assignments will not be accepted and a grade of zero will be recorded. See the instructor for more specific information.

COMPUTER USAGE

As computer technology in the field of health occupations continues to become more popular, computers will be used in this course for several assignments. All students have access to computers and printers on the South Plains College campus. Students will be expected to utilize computers to access assignments and classroom resources. All registered students are supplied with a working email account from South Plains College.

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW THEIR SPC STUDENT USERNAME AND PASSWORD.

COMPUTER LAB USAGE

The computer lab(s) on any campus may be used by students during scheduled open hours or as assigned by an instructor. Printer paper will not be provided for students to print materials but students may seek assistance from faculty or staff to request lab paper from the college if needed. Lack of computer lab paper is not an excuse for not having homework assignments, skills lab sheets, or any other required documents. Students should come prepared for class.

EXAMS

There are no exams for this course. Student performance will be assessed by the clinical instructor using the PTA CPI, (which will be graded using the rubric at the end of this syllabus), and by assignment submissions.

GRADING POLICY

A minimum of 75% on all assignments is required to receive a passing grade for that assignment. Students must earn an overall grade of 75% or better to pass this course.

Final semester grades will be based on the following:

Assignments	15%
Final PTA CPI Assessment	60%
Final Clinic Visit	25%

Grading Scale: 90-100	A
80-89	B
75-79	C
74 or below	F

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICIES

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (*Read Carefully)

- Students must complete the Acknowledgment Quiz found in the “Course Information” folder on Blackboard to indicate that the student has read and understands the content of syllabus, topics outline, assignment calendar, PTA Program and Clinical Experience handbooks, grievance policy, and appeals process. **This is due by the end of the day on Sunday of Week 1.**
- **Cell Phones/Tablets/Computers** – Internet-enabled devices should ONLY be used for clinical purposes while the student is attending clinical. It is expected that the student will excuse him- or herself, and conduct personal business (including phone calls, text messaging, social media usage, instant messaging, chatting, etc.) outside of clinical time. Devices are expected to be silenced during clinical time. If a phone sounds during clinical or a student is found to be conducting non-class/lab-related activities, the student’s clinical instructor provide appropriate guidance and will document on PTA CPI.
- **Clinical Dress Code** – Students are expected to follow the dress code of the student’s assigned clinical site. Student should be prepared to wear SPC PTA Program polo shirt and black or khaki slacks and SPC name badge until otherwise informed by the student’s clinical instructor.

COMMUNICATION POLICY

Electronic communication between instructor and students in this course will utilize each student's indicated preferred email address, and may also utilize text messaging. Students are encouraged to check email on a daily basis, and respond to emails within 24 hours. Students will have access to assignments, web-links, handouts, and other vital material which will be delivered via Blackboard. Any student having difficulty accessing Blackboard or their email should immediately contact their instructor for direction. The instructor will work with any student to ensure the student has access to a computer on campus and can obtain the needed class content that is located on Blackboard.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Rules and regulations relating to the students at South Plains College are made with the view of protecting the best interests of the individual, the general welfare of the entire student body and the educational objectives of the college. As in any segment of society, a college community must be guided by standards that are stringent enough to prevent disorder, yet moderate enough to provide an atmosphere conducive to intellectual and personal development. A high standard of conduct is expected of all students. When a student enrolls at South Plains College, it is assumed that the student accepts the obligations of performance and behavior imposed by the college relevant to its lawful missions, processes and functions. Obedience to the law, respect for properly constituted authority, personal honor, integrity and common sense guide the actions of each member of the college community both in and out of the classroom. Students are subject to federal, state and local laws, as well as South Plains College rules and regulations. A student is not entitled to greater immunities or privileges before the law than those enjoyed by other citizens. Students are subject to such reasonable disciplinary action as the administration of the college may consider appropriate, including suspension and expulsion in appropriate cases for breach of federal, state or local laws, or college rules and regulations. This principle extends to conduct off-campus which is likely to have adverse effects on the college or on the educational process which identifies the offender as an unfit associate for fellow students.

Students are expected to follow the ethics and rules of professional conduct as outlined in the student handbook. Unprofessional conduct on the part of a student as outlined in the student handbook results in dismissal from the PTA Program.

Any student who fails to perform according to expected standards may be asked to withdraw.

Rules and regulations regarding student conduct appear in the current Student Guide.

COLLEGE STATEMENTS

For information regarding official South Plains College statements about intellectual exchange, disabilities, non-discrimination, Title V Pregnancy Accommodations, CARE Team, and Campus Concealed Carry, please visit: <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/syllabusstatements/>

COURSE DISCLAIMER

You may not apply what you are learning to the general public. You are a student PTA and are learning physical therapy techniques. You will be practicing these skills on each other when you are in lab under the course instructor's supervision. If you are presently working in a clinic you cannot practice these skills on patients. Once you have passed the class, you still cannot practice the acquired skills in a clinic. You will only be permitted to apply these skills to the general public under a clinical instructor's supervision once you begin your clinical internships.

Additionally, enrollment in this course does not guarantee a passing grade, successful completion of the PTA curriculum, or passing NPTE-PTA and resultant licensure. Your successful completion of all courses, passing NPTE-PTA, and completion of State Board of PT requirements is necessary to work as a PTA.

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

DROPPING A CLASS

Students should submit a [Student Initiated Drop Form](#) online. **Students will not be required to obtain an instructor signature to drop**, however, we do encourage students to communicate with instructors or advisors prior to dropping a course when they are able.

WITHDRAWING FROM ALL CLASSES

If a student wishes to withdraw from all courses, they should initiate that process with the Advising Office. They can schedule an appointment with an advisor by visiting <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/admission-aid/advising/spcadvisors.php> or by calling 806-716-2366.

FOUNDATION SKILLS

BASIC SKILLS—Reads, Writes, Performs Arithmetic and Mathematical Operations, Listens and Speaks

F-1 **READING**—locates, understands, and interprets written information in prose and in documents such as manuals, graphs, and schedules.

F-2 **WRITING**—communicates thoughts, ideas, information and messages in writing and creates documents such as letters, directions, manuals, reports, graphs, and flow charts.

F-3 **ARITHMETIC**—performs basic computations; uses basic numerical concepts such as whole numbers, etc.

F-4 **MATHEMATICS**—approaches practical problems by choosing appropriately from a variety of mathematical techniques.

F-5 **LISTENING**—receives, attends to, interprets, and responds to verbal messages and other cues.

F-6 **SPEAKING**—organizes ideas and communicates orally.

THINKING SKILLS—Thinks Creatively, Makes Decisions, Solves Problems, Visualizes and Knows How to Learn and Reason

F-7 **CREATIVE THINKING**—generates new ideas.

F-8 **DECISION-MAKING**—specifies goals and constraints, generates alternatives, considers risks, evaluates and chooses best alternative.

F-9 **PROBLEM SOLVING**—recognizes problems, devises and implements plan of action.

F-10 **SEEING THINGS IN THE MIND'S EYE**—organizes and processes symbols, pictures, graphs, objects, and other information.

F-11 **KNOWING HOW TO LEARN**—uses efficient learning techniques to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills.

F-12 **REASONING**—discovers a rule or principle underlying the relationship between two or more objects and applies it when solving a problem.

PERSONAL QUALITIES—Displays Responsibility, Self-Esteem, Sociability, Self-Management, Integrity and Honesty

F-13 **RESPONSIBILITY**—exerts a high level of effort and perseveres towards goal attainment.

F-14 **SELF-ESTEEM**—believes in own self-worth and maintains a positive view of self.

F-15 **SOCIABILITY**—demonstrates understanding, friendliness, adaptability, empathy and politeness in group settings.

F-16 **SELF-MANAGEMENT**—assesses self accurately, sets personal goals, monitors progress and exhibits self-control.

F-17 **INTEGRITY/HONESTY**—chooses ethical courses of action.

The Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS) COMPETENCIES

RESOURCES

C-1 **TIME** - Selects goal-relevant activities, ranks them, allocates time, prepares and follows schedules.

C-3 **MATERIALS AND FACILITIES** - Acquires, stores, allocates, and uses materials or space efficiently.

C-4 **HUMAN RESOURCES** - Assesses skills and distributes work accordingly, evaluates performances and provides feedback.

INFORMATION

C-5 **ACQUIRES AND EVALUATES INFORMATION**

C-6 **ORGANIZES AND MAINTAINS INFORMATION**

C-7 **INTERPRETS AND COMMUNICATES INFORMATION**

C-8 **USES COMPUTERS TO PROCESS INFORMATION**

INTERPERSONAL

C-9 **PARTICIPATES AS A MEMBER OF A TEAM** - contributes to group effort.

C-10 **TEACHES OTHERS**

C-11 **SERVES CLIENTS/CUSTOMERS**—works to satisfy customer's expectations.

C-12 **EXERCISES LEADERSHIP**—communicates ideas to justify position, persuades and convinces others, responsibly challenges existing procedures and policies.

C-13 **NEGOTIATES**—works toward agreements involving exchanges of resources; resolves divergent interests.

C-14 **WORKS WITH CULTURAL DIVERSITY**—works well with men and women from diverse backgrounds.

SYSTEMS – Understands Complex Interrelationships

C-15 **UNDERSTANDS SYSTEMS**—knows how social, organizational, and technological systems work and operates effectively with them.

C-16 **MONITORS AND CORRECTS PERFORMANCE**—distinguishes trends, predicts impacts on system operations, diagnoses systems performance and corrects malfunctions.

C-17 **IMPROVES OR DESIGNS SYSTEMS**—suggests modifications to existing systems and develops new or alternative systems to improve performance.

TECHNOLOGY

C-18 **SELECTS TECHNOLOGY**—chooses procedures, tools, or equipment, including computers and related technologies.

C-19 **APPLIES TECHNOLOGY TO TASK**—understands overall intent and proper procedures for setup and operation of equipment.

C-20 **MAINTAINS AND TROUBLESHOOTS TECHNOLOGY**—prevents, identifies, or solves problems with equipment, including computers and other technologies.

COURSE CALENDAR AND APPLICABLE RUBRICS

Class Assignments Calendar

Title	Due Date	Time Due
PTA CPI 3.0 Training	Sunday, August 27 th	11:59P
Facility and CI Contact Information	Monday, August 28 th	11:59P
Acknowledgement Quiz	Sunday, September 3 rd	11:59P
Clinical Site Directory Update	Sunday, September 10 th	11:59P
Journal Entries	Sunday, September 10 th	11:59P
CI Assessment of Program	Friday, September 15 th	6:00P
Clinic Visit	Friday, September 15 th	6:00P
PTA CPI 3.0 Final Assessment	Friday, September 15 th	6:00P
APTA Clinical Site Evaluation (Final)	Friday, September 15 th	6:00P
Student Assessment of Clinical Experience	Sunday, September 17 th	11:59P
Clinical Instructor Assessment	Sunday, September 17 th	11:59P
CI Certificate and Thank You	Sunday, September 17 th	11:59P
Acknowledgement Surveys	Sunday, September 17 th	11:59P

(indicate completion of each item listed through the item’s assignment link on Blackboard)

Clinical 1 PTA CPI Grading Rubric

PTA CPI GRADING RUBRIC									
CLINICAL 1									
points earned by clinical instructor's PTA CPI rating									
Skill #	Beginner	Advanced Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced Intermediate	Entry Level	Beyond Entry-Level	Points Earned		
1	70%	80%	90%	100%	100%	100%	Ethical Practice Legal Practice Professional Growth Communication Inclusivity Clinical Reasoning		
2	233	266	300	333	333	350			
3	233	266	300	333	333	350			
4	236	268	302	335	335	350			
5	233	266	300	333	333	350			
	70%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%			
6	233	333	350	350	350	350			
7-10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
TOTAL GRADE :								0	(out of 3000)