

Virginia Western Community College

PTH 245

Professional Issues

Prerequisites

PTH 251 and PTA program placement

VCCS Course Description

Examines the health care delivery system with regard to the current practice environment, federal and state influences, laws, and regulations, practice guidelines and ethical considerations which affect the practice of physical therapy.

VWCC Discipline Specific Course Description

Same as above.

Semester Credits: 2

Lecture Hours: 2

Required Materials

Textbook

- None, required supplemental information or readings will be posted on Canvas.

Note to Instructors

- This course should follow all PTA program policies.

VWCC AND DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

At the completion of this course, students will be able to correctly:

1. Identify common ethical issues within physical therapy and healthcare as a whole.
2. Utilize the RIPS model, the Standards of Ethical Conduct for the Physical Therapist Assistant, and relevant laws to determine appropriate actions for ethical scenarios.
3. Outline a plan of action congruent with core professional ethics and values when presented with various ethical scenarios.
4. Describe current state and federal influences on the physical therapy profession and the role of the PTA.
5. Compose a reflection paper comparing self-assessments completed at the start and end of the program, regarding behaviors related to the Core Value and Ethical Guidelines for the PTA.

6. Design an appropriate telehealth video-treatment session utilizing interventions from the physical therapist's plan of care including applicable and clearly delivered patient education.
7. Demonstrate competence in professionally providing constructive feedback on a peer's video presentation.
8. Describe common elements of clinical administrative planning, including organizational charts and departmental budgets.
9. Determine legal and ethical documentation and billing compliance through a quality assurance chart review assignment.
10. Reflect on the impact on physical therapist assistants of current trends in the physical therapy and healthcare environment.

VWCC AND DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC TOPICAL DESCRIPTIONS

- Telehealth
- Providing effective feedback to peers/health care teammates
- RIPS model of ethical decision making
- Quality assurance
- Government influence on PT
- PT clinic organizational planning
- Use of AI in physical therapy
- Involvement in physical therapy profession after graduation
- Various topics related to current PT practice and professional landscape

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