

Virginia Western Community College

PTH 255

Seminar in Physical Therapy

Prerequisites

PTH 251 and PTA program placement

VCCS Course Description

Includes preparation for licensing examination, specialized lectures, and preparation of a student project.

VWCC Discipline Specific Course Description

Same as above.

Semester Credits: 2

Lecture Hours: 2

Required Materials

Textbook/Other Required Materials

- Academic PEAT test (included in course fees)
- On-site review course (included in course fees)
- Scorebuilders PTA Study Guide

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. Demonstrate the knowledge base of an entry-level physical therapist assistant by obtaining a passing grade on a mock licensure exam inclusive of material covered in the program to date.
2. Design a National Physical Therapy (NPTE) study plan utilizing course and evidence-based resources.
3. Describe common PTA career options and advancement opportunities.
4. Compose a professional cover letter and resume suitable for entry-level positions.
5. Outline the steps necessary to achieve licensure to practice as a physical therapist assistant.

6. Design a career development plan for the first three years following graduation including consideration of the role of professional organizations and professional development.
7. Discuss the importance of PTA participation in service, advocacy, and community collaboration.
8. Compose a reflection paper related to the role of the PTA in educating students and qualities of a high-quality clinical instructor.
9. Demonstrate interview communication skills appropriate for an entry-level PTA position.
10. Educate community members regarding physical therapy, health promotion, and wellness while considering cultural humility and adjusting for language needs of the learner.
11. Display the core values of altruism, excellence, and social responsibility through participation in, and reflection on, professional and community organizations.
12. Display appropriate professional behaviors in all interactions with classmates and instructors by displaying at least three professional behaviors at an intermediate level.

VWCC AND DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC TOPICAL DESCRIPTIONS

- Preparation of a resume and cover letter
- Interview skills
- Career advancement and planning
- Non-clinical roles of the PTA
- Educating as a PTA
- Review for National Physical Therapy Exam
- Preparation of community health presentations

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