

## Master Syllabus

### PTA 1000 - Introduction to Physical Therapy

**Division:** Health Sciences

**Department:** Rehabilitation Services

**Credit Hour Total:** 2.0

**Lecture Hrs:** 2.0

**Date Revised:** March 2016

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#### Course Description:

Purpose, philosophy, history and development of the physical therapy (PT) profession; physical therapist assistant (PTA) duties; PT/PTA relationship; essential functions; legal and ethical responsibilities and professional behaviors; function of regulatory agencies, licensing bodies and professional associations; PTA program expectations; physical therapy practice; communication basics; medical terminology.

#### General Education Outcomes:

- ▣ Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Competency
- ▣ Oral Communication Competency
- ▣ Information Literacy Competency

#### Course Outcomes:

##### Legal and ethical responsibilities

Students will be able to identify legal and ethical responsibilities of a physical therapist assistant.

**Assessment Method:** Focus groups

**Performance Criteria:**

77% or higher on discussion questions

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:**

77% or higher passage on all quizzes and exams

**Assessment Method:** Written surveys and/or questionnaires

**Performance Criteria:**

77% or higher on all homework assignments

##### Physical therapy practice

Students will be able to identify various components of the patient examination, evaluation, and plan of care, as well as the different practice areas.

**Assessment Method:** Focus groups

**Performance Criteria:**

77% or higher on discussion questions

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:**

77% or higher passage on all quizzes and exams

**Assessment Method:** Written surveys and/or questionnaires

**Performance Criteria:**

77% or higher on all homework assignments

##### Communication

Students will be able to identify various aspects of communication in physical therapy.

**Assessment Method:** Focus groups

**Performance Criteria:**

77% or higher on discussion forum questions

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:**

77% or higher passage on all quizzes and exams

**Assessment Method:** Written surveys and/or questionnaires

**Performance Criteria:**

77% or higher on all homework assignments

##### Medical terminology

Students will be able to identify appropriate terminology used in the medical field.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:**

77% or higher passage on all quizzes and exams

**Physical therapy and the Sinclair PTA program**

Students will be able to identify various aspects of the field of physical therapy as well as expectations associated with the Sinclair Physical Therapist Assistant program.

**Assessment Method:** Focus groups

**Performance Criteria:**

77% or higher on discussion forum questions

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:**

77% or higher passage on all quizzes and exams

**Assessment Method:** Written surveys and/or questionnaires

**Performance Criteria:**

77% or higher on all homework assignments

**Outline:**

Purpose, philosophy, history and development of physical therapy  
Sinclair Physical Therapist Assistant Program Expectations  
Legal and ethical responsibilities  
Physical therapy practice  
Communication basics  
Medical terminology