

## Master Syllabus

### PTA 1100 - Professional Issues

**Division:** Health Sciences

**Department:** Rehabilitation Services

**Credit Hour Total:** 1.0                      **Lecture Hrs:** 1.0

**Prerequisite(s):** PTA 1000

**Other Prerequisite(s):** Restricted to Majors

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### Course Description:

Scope and practice of the physical therapist assistant (PTA); role and responsibilities of the PTA in relation to the health care team; values and ethics; communication and introduction to documentation with an emphasis on medical terminology; teamwork and interprofessional collaboration; culture and spirituality in health care; stress management.

### General Education Outcomes:

- ▣ Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Competency
- ▣ Values/Citizenship/Community Competency
- ▣ Written Communication Competency

### Course Outcomes:

#### Communication and documentation

Students will be able to identify the basic components of physical therapy documentation and discuss the importance of communication among members of the healthcare team (ie. PT/PTA, PTA/Patient-Caregiver, Interprofessional communication).

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:**

77% or higher on all quizzes and exams

#### Culture, spirituality, and stress management

Students will be able to recognize the impact cultural differences, spirituality, and stress may play in a patient's treatment.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:**

77% or higher on all quizzes and exams

#### Roles and responsibilities

Students will be able to identify the role and responsibilities of a physical therapist assistant as well as the roles and responsibilities of other members of the health care team.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:**

77% or higher on all quizzes and exams

#### Values and ethics

Students will be able to identify, discuss, and begin to demonstrate the values and ethics expected of a physical therapist assistant consistent with the Guide for Conduct of the Physical Therapist Assistant (APTA), Standards of Ethical Conduct (APTA), Professional Behaviors, and Values Based Behaviors for the Physical Therapist Assistant (APTA).

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:**

77% or higher on all quizzes and exams

### Outline:

Roles/responsibilities  
Values/ethics  
Communication/documentation  
Teamwork/relationships  
Culture/spirituality  
Stress management