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Physical Therapist Assistant Program Clinical Manual

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The following items are found in the PTA Program Student Handbook.
(This list has been updated as of 10/2022)

1. Program Information
2. Academic Standards
3. Academic Regulations
4. Academic Honesty
5. Professional Behaviors
6. Health Requirements and Information
7. General Information
8. Appendix: Resources and Forms
    - Physical Requirements (Essential Functions)
    - Safety Considerations
    - Informed Consent and Waiver of Liability*
    - Informed Consent for Laboratory, Lab Practical and Performance Standards*
    - Informed Consent for Various Forms of Media*
    - Confidentiality Statement*
    - Physical Therapist Assistant Student Agreement*

*These forms must be signed and returned on or before the first day of class.

2.04 STUDENT

The ACCE in consultation with PTA program faculty assess each student's readiness prior to each clinical experience. The student will either be placed or not be placed in the clinic based on this assessment. Considerations will include, but not be limited to the following areas:

1. Skill competency demonstrated on practical exams
2. Professional Behaviors status
3. Prior or current probationary status
4. Clinical evaluations and performance from completed affiliations
5. Ability to perform in a safe manner

The ability to participate in the clinical portion of educational experience assumes:

- The student has fully participated in and demonstrated competency in the skills identified as components of the present and past semesters.
- The student will utilize professional dress and behavior to present him/herself well as a student
- All previous academic and clinical work has been completed successfully.
- The student is in good standing in all core courses (minimum grade of at least a "C")

An important aspect of this readiness assessment is determining if the student is safe for clinical practice. Safety in regards to patient care is a priority of this program. In order to ensure that the student will be able to perform in a safe manner that minimizes risk to patient, self, and others, the PTA faculty will consider all of the areas listed above. In addition, all practical exams will be monitored in regards to safety criteria, including retakes. The student will be notified in writing if they are placed on program probation or if they are denied a clinical placement.

<u>The Responsibilities of the student include</u>:

1. Adhere to all requirements provided in the Health Science Division Student Handbook and the PTA Program Student Handbook which can be found online at the IRSC Website under the PTA program.
2. <u>Attendance</u> for Clinical Practice I and II is mandatory. Students will follow the working schedule of their assigned clinical instructor unless other appropriate arrangements are made. Students are not to be at clinical sites on official Indian River State College closings

additional requirements before the start of the clinical internship, and it is the student's responsibility to complete the requirements in a timely manner

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APPENDIX

Site Visit Check Sheet

Facility _____ Date _____

Student _____

Clinical Instructor _____

1.) Clinical Notebook update: _____

2.) Case Study (Clin Ed I) or PICO project (Clin Ed II)
Project started, topic chosen _____

3.) Student Meeting

Concerns:

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4.) Clinical Instructor Meeting

Concerns:

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Is Student on track to meet expectations by final? Yes No

ACCE Signature _____

IRSC Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Evaluation of Clinical Instructor by ACCE

Clinical Instructor _____ **Date** _____

Clinical Internship I II

Based on guidelines established by APTA for clinical instructors, the Indian River Community College's Physical Therapist Assistant Program ACCE use the following legend to evaluate the CI after each clinical practice. The criteria is evaluated y the ACCE during communication with the CCCE, CI and student and by monitoring of the CPI Web throughout the clinical rotation.

SA: Strongly Agree
A: Agree
N: No Opinion
D: Disagree
SD: Strongly Disagree

Evaluation Criteria	SA	A	N	D	SD	Comments
Review objectives and goals on the first day with student						
Abides by pertinent state and federal laws and regulations, including state licensure laws						
Maintains regular communication with student during the clinical internship						
Monitors and makes recommendations as needed on the weekly planning sheet						
Provides students with optional experiences beyond patient care						
Completes CPI Web (student evaluation) in a timely manner						
Communicates with ACCE in a timely manner is needed						

General Comments: _____

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ACCE _____

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