

## **PTA Student Graduate Outcomes**

Graduates of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate safe and effective application of treatment techniques established within the plan of care.
  - a. Review and understand plan of care written by licensed PT prior to patient intervention.
  - b. Provide safe treatment within the scope of the plan of care written by the licensed PT.
  - c. Describe the rationale of treatment interventions to achieve the goals and outcomes as described in the plan of care.
2. Demonstrate effective oral, written, and nonverbal communication in a culturally competent manner with patients, their families, colleagues, and the public.
  - a. Effectively communicate with patients and family in order to provide clear, concise instructions to ensure safety and achieve functional outcomes.
  - b. Communicate with members of the healthcare team in a professional and timely manner.
  - c. Participate in community and/or physical therapy professional events.
  - d. Demonstrate understanding of cultural competence in healthcare.
3. Demonstrate their ability to contribute as a functional team member within the physical therapy profession.
  - a. Understand the role of the PTA in patient care and team meetings.
  - b. Interact with members of the healthcare team.
  - c. Manage patient caseload, documentation, and billing within the allotted time.
4. Demonstrate safe, effective, moral, ethical and legal behaviors within the scope of physical therapy.
  - a. Understands legal and ethical standards as well as state practice acts.
  - b. Utilize APTA's "Guide for Conduct of the Physical Therapist Assistant" as the standard for professionalism and conduct.
5. Demonstrate their role in physical therapy by implementing a comprehensive treatment plan to promote optimal patient outcomes.
  - a. Effectively progresses a patient through the plan of care written by licensed PT.
  - b. Demonstrates critical thinking when working with patients who have adverse response to PT interventions.
  - c. Promotes active involvement by the patient in his or her care.
6. Recognize the relationship between concepts learned from liberal arts and basic science coursework and physical therapy knowledge and skills.
  - a. Utilizes reading, writing, and communication skills with patient care.
  - b. Incorporates human physiology and anatomy with the application of physical therapy interventions.
7. Demonstrate clinical skills necessary to practice at the entry level for the physical therapist assistant prior to graduation.
  - a. Describe accurate and timely information for billing and payment purposes.
  - b. Demonstrate competence in implementing selected components of interventions identified in the plan of care established by the PT.
  - c. Demonstrates the application of interventions and modalities in a technically competent manner within the plan of care.
  - d. Identifies adverse response in patient care and responds in an appropriate and safe manner.