This is a SouthArk Master Syllabus. The course syllabus distributed by the instructor may include additional requirements, must be followed by the student in the given term, and is considered to supersede the Master Syllabus.

Course Number
PTAP 2528

Course Title
Clinical Practicum II

Course Description
Clinical Practicum II is the second of two clinical practicum courses designed to continue the student’s clinical practice of physical therapy. The clinical internships (two different internships) focus on mastery of assessment and treatment of musculoskeletal, neurological, surgical, and medical conditions/injuries; safe / ethical practice under the direction of a supervising physical therapist; professional development; preparation of in-service; and case studies/presentations. These experiences will allow the student to develop, improve and demonstrate competence in communication skills, therapeutic techniques and other patient care skills.

Lecture: 10 hours
Clinical Education: 400 hours

College Mission
South Arkansas Community College promotes excellence in learning, teaching, and service; provides lifelong educational opportunities; and serves as a cultural, intellectual, and economic resource for the community.

College Wide Student Learner Outcomes
☒ Critical Thinking  ☒ Responsibility  ☒ Communication

ACTS Course ☒  Program Course ☒  Physical Therapist Assistant

ACTS Outcomes
NA

Program Goals and Objectives / Outcomes
PTAP 2528 includes preparation in the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor domains utilizing critical thinking to become competent entry-level Physical Therapist Assistants. The student successfully completing this course
1) Works under the supervision of a Physical Therapist (PT) in providing patient care services after the PT performs the initial evaluation and delegates responsibilities to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA).
2) Defines the scope of practice of PTAs within the team of health care providers.
3) Exhibits conduct that reflects a commitment to the profession while safely, ethically, and legally practicing within the field of physical therapy.
4) Applies knowledge of anatomy and physiology of the human body as related to pathologies / injuries commonly seen in the practice of physical therapy.
5) Performs selected physical therapy interventions within the plan of care; adjusts interventions as indicated; and reports to supervising PT.
6) Performs data collection skills as directed by the supervising PT and reports to supervising PT.
7) Communicates effectively, verbally, nonverbally, and in writing, with patients and their families, the supervising PT, other members of the physical therapy staff, and all members of the health care team.
8) Recognizes and responds appropriately to the emotional, psycho-social, economic, and relational aspects of physical therapy care with an appreciation of individual and cultural differences.
10) Accepts responsibility for life-long learning including personal and professional growth.
11) Accepts responsibility for promotion of the field of physical therapy while responding to the societal needs for health and wellness.

Course Learner Objectives / Outcomes

| CLO # | Course Learner Outcomes (CLO) | Unit Outcomes/Competencies | Program Outcomes | Critical Thinking | Communication | Responsibility | Assessment |
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CLO 1 Explain the expectations for Clinical Practicum II, including the roles of the student, clinical instructors and academic faculty

CLO 2 Demonstrate competency in professional behaviors

CLO 3 Demonstrate competency performance of data collection skills as listed below

CLO 4 Demonstrate competency in performance of therapeutic interventions as listed below

Unit Objectives / Outcomes / Competencies
The student successfully completing this course will be able to
1. Explain the roles and responsibilities of PTA students while participating in clinical internships.
2. Explain the roles and responsibilities of the clinical instructors while performing clinical training.
3. Explain the roles and responsibilities of the academic faculty (ACCE)
4. Describe the appropriate use of the PTA MACS.
5. Perform the student evaluation of clinical sites.
6. Master all components of skills #1 – 12, Professional Behaviors
7. Master skills #14.2 – 14.13, Data Collection
8. Master skills #15.1 – 15.4, 16, 18, 19, and 21 with a variety of patient diagnoses, treatments and/or modalities.
   Address skills #14.1, 16.1, and 20 as the patient population is made available.
9. Provide academic faculty with professional development scenarios.
11. Present in-services.
12. Conduct chart audits.

Course Outline:
I. Orientation to Clinical Practicum II
   A. Orientation to clinical affiliation sites
   B. Roles and responsibilities of students
   C. Roles and responsibilities of clinical instructors
   D. Roles and responsibilities of academic faculty (ACCE)
   E. Orientation to PTA MACS
II. Assignments to two clinical sites (totaling 10 weeks). Throughout the academic year, students will be assigned three clinical education experiences – at a minimum, each student will be assigned one in-patient and one out-patient physical therapy setting.
III. Evaluation tools
   A. Mid-affiliation evaluation of student performance
   B. Final affiliation evaluation of student performance
   C. Student evaluation of clinical sites
IV. Review of expected skills to be mastered
   PTA MACS Skills # Professional Behaviors: All components of #1-12
   Data Collection: Skills #14.2 – 14.13
   Interventions:
      Skills #15.1-15.4, 16, 18, 19, and 21 are to be mastered using a variety of diagnoses, treatments and/or modalities.
      Address skills #14.1, 16.1, and 20 as the patient population is made available.
V. Assignments to be done during clinical affiliations
   A. Professional development scenarios
   B. Case Study
   C. Inservices
   D. Chart Audits
VI. Discussion of clinical education experience with academic faculty

Assessment Description(s)
PTA MACS (Manual for the Assessment of Clinical Skills), departmental assessment rubrics.

Materials and Technological Requirements
Class Attendance Policy
Students are expected to attend all classes in which they are enrolled. If a student is absent from a class session, it is the student’s responsibility to make arrangements to complete or make up any work missed. No make-up work for missed classes will be allowed without the approval of the instructor. Students who enroll late must assume all responsibility for work missed. Classes not attended as a result of late enrollment may be counted toward excessive absences. Students not attending the entire class period may be counted absent for that period. An instructor may drop students with a grade of “WE” if students have been absent for an excessive number of days. Warning letters will be sent to the students advising them of the consequences of nonattendance and urging them to contact their instructors immediately. Excessive absences are defined as follows:

Regular Semester
Courses which meet once a week ................................................................. 2 absences
Courses that meet twice per week ............................................................... 3 absences
Courses that meet four times per week ......................................................... 5 absences

Summer Session
Courses that meet four times per week in a five week session ................. 3 absences
Courses which meet two evenings per week in a 10 week session ............. 3 absences

Students enrolled in special programs or individualized instruction should contact their program director/instructor regarding specific attendance requirements for the program/course. Some of the selective-admission, health-science programs have specific criteria regarding attendance. Students are encouraged to refer to program policies in these matters.

Jury Duty/Military/Official School Function
Scheduled absences are those that occur due to college-related activities or as a result of summons to jury duty or military duty. Classes missed as a result of scheduled absences will not be counted as excessive absences if the instructor is notified and provided documentation prior to the absence(s). Make-up work for scheduled absences will be at the discretion of the instructor.

In all instances, documentation must be provided to the instructor within 24 hours of receipt. Documentation should come from an appropriate party on letterhead or other official stationery with a signature and contact information. Documentation should list the corresponding dates of the leave.

Medical leave
For medical-related absences, documentation must include written notice from the treating medical professional documenting time needed off related to medical reasons and time student may resume classes. The medical reason does not need to be listed on the documentation; the documentation must include only that there is a medical reason, the amount of time the student needs to be absent, and the time the student should be able to return to classes. Students who elect to work at home on excused leave must meet with their instructors to make arrangements to do so. Working on coursework while on medical leave is not a requirement but can be requested by students. If students request that they be allowed to work at home while on an excused leave, the instructor will make every reasonable effort to ensure that the student is able to do so.

For students who have a medical condition necessitating time off or accommodation:
1) They may work at home on assignments if they choose to if on medical leave approved by a medical professional
2) Receive appropriate accommodations related to coursework (i.e., excused from labs with potentially harmful chemicals, have a larger desk, etc.)
3) Resume their studies where they left off once they return to classes
4) Be allowed to make up any missed work related to medical leave
5) Receive incompletes on their transcripts until coursework is completed, according to the incomplete grade contract.
6) Be given a reasonable time frame in which to complete missed coursework

Academic Honesty Policy
Students enrolled at South Arkansas Community College are expected at all times to uphold standards of integrity. Students are expected to perform honestly and to work in every way possible to eliminate academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty includes cheating and plagiarism, which are defined as follows:

- Cheating is an attempt to deceive the instructor in his/her effort to evaluate fairly an academic exercise. Cheating includes copying another student’s homework, class work, or required project (in whole or in part) and/or presenting another’s work as the student’s own. Cheating also includes giving, receiving, offering, and/or soliciting information on a quiz, test, or examination.
**Plagiarism** is the copying of any published work such as books, magazines, audiovisual programs, electronic media, and films or copying the theme or manuscript of another student. It is plagiarism when one uses direct quotations without proper credit or when one uses the ideas of another without giving proper credit. When three or more consecutive words are borrowed, the borrowing should be recognized by the use of quotation marks and proper parenthetical and bibliographic notations.

If, upon investigation, the instructor determines that the student is guilty of cheating or plagiarism, the following penalties will apply:

- The student will receive a penalty of no less than a zero on the work in question.
- The instructor will submit a Student Academic Misconduct Form, written report of the incident, to the appropriate dean.
- The dean will submit form to Vice President for Learning to determine disciplinary action.
- The Vice President for Learning will determine whether further disciplinary action will be taken.
- All decisions may be appealed for review through the college’s academic appeals procedure.

**Equal Opportunity-Affirmative Action Statement**
South Arkansas Community College does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, creed, gender, religion, marital status, veteran’s status, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation in making decisions regarding employment, student admission, or other functions, operations, or activities.

**Library Services**
Library Homepage: [http://southark.libguides.com/homepage](http://southark.libguides.com/homepage) Library Contact: LibraryStaff@southark.edu or 870.864.7115

**Procedures to Accommodate Students with Disabilities:**
If you need reasonable accommodations because of a disability, please report this to the Vice President of Student Services with proper documentation. VPSS Contact: 870.875.7262

**The Early Alert System**
In an effort to ensure student retention and success, South Arkansas Community College employs an Early Alert System to identify and support at-risk students as soon as possible in a given semester. The intent of Early Alert is to provide this assistance while there is still time to address behaviors or issues that have the potential of preventing students from completing their courses and degree plans. Students referred through the Early Alert System will be required to work on a corrective action plan with their student advising coach and to include attendance accountability and mandatory academic tutoring either in the academic division or in the Testing and Learning Center (TLC).

Once the Student Advising Coach has met with the referred student, and again when the student has met the prescribed corrective actions, the coach will update the Early Alert System so that the instructor is kept informed of the progress in resolving issues.

**Behavioral Review Team**
At South Arkansas Community College (SouthArk), we are committed to proactive leadership in student wellbeing and campus safety. By focusing on prevention and early intervention with campus situations that involve any person experiencing distress or engaging in harmful or disruptive behaviors, the BRT will serve as the coordinating hub of existing resources to develop intervention and support strategies and offer case management. Students, faculty, staff, and campus guests are encouraged to report any person on campus who is a concern. BRT Contact: 870.875.7262 BRT@southark.edu

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