

Pierpont Community & Technical College

Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Essential Functions

To meet these goals, the student must be able to:

- Obtain information during class time and outside of class from lecture, text, computer-based, and video formats.
- Obtain information from the medical record.
- Produce written responses to assignments.
- Compose progress notes for the medical record.
- Complete in-class small group assignments.
- Receive and transmit information through verbal and written communication to instructors, classmates, supervising physical therapists and/or supervising clinical instructors, patients/clients, caregivers, health care delivery personnel, and peers in an effective, appropriate, and capable manner with demonstration of sufficient auditory and visual senses.
- Demonstrate sufficient ability to; observe/assess/detect changes in patients/clients mood and activity, verbal and nonverbal response to treatment accurately within close proxemics and from afar. Visual senses might be necessary and auditory senses might be necessary for observations and assessment.
- Demonstrate sufficient ability to observe proper demonstrations from patients/clients accurately from afar and within close proximity.
- Gross and fine motor skills, as well as, auditory, tactile, and olfactory senses may be necessary to monitor, assess, and respond to patient care situations safely and efficiently.
- Perform physical therapy techniques in high (standing), medium (sitting), and low (squatting, stooping) body positions.
- Operate equipment with knobs, switches, touch pads, and touch screens.
- Lift and position classmates, instructors, patients/clients, and equipment.
- Assist and guard classmates, instructors, and patients/clients while they practice standing, walking, and moving into and out of wheelchairs or other surfaces.
- Assist classmates, instructors, and patients/clients while they perform therapeutic exercises.
- Perform physical therapy techniques and move about the clinical facility for up to 8 hours a day, 40 hours a week.
- Complete multi-step work assignments.
- Possess the emotional health necessary to effectively employ intellect and exercise appropriate judgment to approach highly stressful situations in a calm, safe, and rational manner.
- Be flexible to adapt to professional and technical change.
- Follow attendance guidelines appropriate for an entry level healthcare provider.

- Abide by the ethical and values-based behavior defined by the Physical Therapy Profession.