Course Prefix and Number: PTAP 204  Credit Hours: 3

Course Title: Physical Therapy Procedures

Course Prerequisites: Enrollment in the PTAP clinical courses is limited to those students who have been selected and admitted to the clinical phase of the program. Clinical courses are sequenced by semester and must be taken as a group each semester per program requirements and policies.


Course Description: Lecture and laboratory activities to facilitate student skill development and competency with the application of physical therapy procedures related to patient care. Patient case studies are used to promote student-centered problem solving.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course, the student will

A. demonstrate proficiency with maintaining good body mechanics while providing physical assistance and patient/equipment handling to work safely in an acute-care physical therapy environment;
B. adjust, demonstrate and justify the use of selected assistive devices, positioning aids, wheelchairs and wound care products;
C. demonstrate independent research of wound care literature and practice safe infection control, integumentary assessment and wound management in the laboratory.
D. think critically to monitor patient performance, make assessments and measurements, modify treatments within the PT POC, recognize selected emergent situations when indicated by the patient’s response, and determine when intervention should not be provided.
E. communicate with patients using lay terminology and non-verbal strategies and with therapists and other clinicians using medical terminology and good written documentation
F. apply skills or expand knowledge from this course (or concurrent courses) by participating in one or more community service or professional development opportunities.

To achieve these learning outcomes, the student will:

1. Demonstrate understanding of patient positioning including risk factors, precautions and indications, proper draping, skin inspection, pressure relief,
contracture prevention, reduction of shear forces and demonstrate positioning on a classmate for a variety of scenarios. (A,B)
2. prepare for, list principles of and demonstrate application of AROM and PROM using diagonal patterns. (A,E)
3. accurately assess height, weight and vital signs and recognize normal and abnormal values and responses to treatment. (C,D)
4. identify some common emergency situations that may occur with patients in a therapy environment and determine appropriate actions to take. (D,E)
5. demonstrate aseptic technique with regard to hand washing, sterile products, wound care, dressing removal and application, waste disposal, standard precautions and OSHA regulations. (B,C)
6. demonstrate, instruct and document a variety of transfer techniques appropriate to the patient's functional level using good body mechanics. (A,B)
7. properly adjust assistive devices, demonstrate gait patterns, instruct/guard patients during gait at the appropriate functional level and document accordingly. (A,B)
8. properly adjust, name and manage wheelchair parts and provide instructions to patients at the appropriate functional level regarding care and parts management. (A,B,E)
9. recognize and navigate architectural boundaries as they apply to the use of wheelchairs, assistive devices and the requirements of the ADA. (A,B)
10. explain the purpose of special equipment/monitors and lines and summarize priorities, precautions, and isolation techniques associated with care of acutely or critically ill patients in special care environments. (A,B,C,D,E)
11. prepare a wound care portfolio that consists of instructor provided lecture material and independently researched materials to include: categories of wound etiologies, recognizing viable vs. non-viable tissue; assessment techniques, summary of products, sample products, cleansing methods, precautions, patient instructions and interventions. (B,C,D,E)
12. practice selected wound care cleansing and assessment skills in the laboratory (B,C)
13. examine and apply a variety of wound care products. (B,C)
14. translate medical and physical therapy terminology into understandable language suitable for giving patient instructions. (E)
15. practice giving verbal instructions for patients, family members and other health care providers in appropriate activities to aid in patient care during lab/classroom activities. (E)
16. participate in one or more approved community service or professional development activity during this semester (F)

Course Requirements: To earn a grade of “C” or higher the student must earn 70% of the total points for the course and meet all of the following course requirements.
- pass all lab competency tests
- minimum 75% average on lab competency tests
- minimum 75% average on integrated lab practicals
- minimum of 75% on wound care portfolio
- co-curricular community service or professional development (required for grade of A only)

Course Grading Scale:

A- 90% or more of total possible points including the comprehensive final exam; passing grade on all lab competencies; and minimum of 75% average on all laboratory practical tests; and minimum of 75% score on the wound care portfolio assignment and participation in at least one approved community service or professional development activity

B- 80% or more of total possible points including the comprehensive final exam; passing grade on all lab competencies; and minimum of 75% average on all laboratory practical tests; and minimum of 75% score on the wound care portfolio assignment

C- 70% or more of total possible points including the comprehensive final exam; passing grade on all lab competencies; and minimum of 75% average on all laboratory practical tests; and minimum of 75% score on the wound care portfolio assignment

D- 60% or more of total possible points including the comprehensive final exam; passing grade on all lab competencies; and minimum of 75% average on all laboratory practical tests; and minimum of 75% score on the wound care portfolio assignment

F- less than 60% of total possible points including the comprehensive final exam; or failing grade on at least one lab competency; less than 75% average on laboratory practical tests; or less than 75% score on wound care portfolio assignment

Attendance Policy: The college attendance policy, which is available at http://www.bpcc.edu/catalog/current/academicpolicies.html, allows that “more restrictive attendance requirements may apply to some specialized classes such as laboratory, activity, and clinical courses because of the nature of those courses.” The attendance policy of the Physical Therapy Assistant program is described in the Physical Therapy Assistant Clinical Handbook.

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