

Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley-HSI
Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Guidelines for Student Participation in Clinical Education

1. Academic requirements

Students must pass all previous physical therapy and biology coursework with a grade of C or better to be eligible for clinicals

2. Competency checks with a minimum grade of 80%

Core competencies will be tested using practical examinations prior to clinical rotations in the classroom setting. All students must complete each skill with a score of 80% or greater to be eligible to participate in clinical rotations with no safety errors.

3. Successful completion of the following examinations: Fire safety, HIPAA, standard precautions

4. Successful completion of pre-clinical examination with minimum grade 80% and pre-clinical competency review

Each student will participate in a review session prior to clinicals with areas clinicians participating. Students will demonstrate basic measurement skills, administration of basic patient care skills and modalities. Student's performance will be discussed with the student and the student advised on a plan for improvement if needed. In addition, each student must pass a pre-clinical competency review examination with a score of 80% or better. Students failing to do so will be asked complete further review continue testing until a 80% score is achieved.

5. Progress on student portfolio as determined by no grades of I being given in coursework.

6. CPR certification

Students enroll in the course EMS 100 that is offered during two consecutive Fridays during the spring semester. Students will certified in CPR by EMT-Paramedic faculty upon successful completion of written and practical examinations

7. Physical Examination and Vaccinations Declaration

1. All students must have on file, prior to the start of clinicals, a record of immunizations including:

a. Diptheria-Tetanus (initial series of 3) and Tetanus Booster administered within the past 10 years).

b. Oral trivalent polio vaccine (series of 3).

c. Rubella (German measles) vaccine.

d. Rubeola (measles) vaccine--since 1980 or two (2) live vaccinations in the past.

e. TB skin test

f. Proof of varicella immunity

g. Hepatitis B--strongly encouraged. A full course of Hepatitis B vaccine is done in three (3) injections over a six (6) month period. It is desirable that students have at least the first two (2) immunizations prior to the beginning of work with patients and/or blood, body fluids or tissue. If the student does not wish to take the hepatitis B vaccination, a waiver must be signed.

h. Seasonal flu shots are strongly encouraged.

2. Each student must complete a physical examination prior to the start of clinicals. The physical must be performed utilizing the standardized form in this manual. The student must keep this form and is responsible for revealing to the clinical instructor any limitations that the student may have as a result of the findings of the physical examination.

3. A facility may require certain immunizations prior to accepting a student for clinicals.

4. Any health condition which could potentially affect the safety and well-being of the student or others must be disclosed by the student to the clinical instructor and the ACCE at the beginning of the clinical.

5. The student must provide updates to health record. Changes in medical condition should be promptly reported in writing to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program office. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the program.

6. Misrepresentation of medical status may result in dismissal from the program

7. All students must sign the Vaccination Declarations sheet.
8. All students must sign the Informed Consent Sheet regarding Clinical Rotations

8. Liability and Health Insurance

During the three (3) semesters of clinical experience, the student is required to purchase professional liability insurance through the MCC-PV college Cashier's Office. This is to be done during enrollment and is included in your enrollment fee. Health insurance is the sole responsibility of the student. Student health insurance can be obtained through the college if the student wishes to do so. Student's must sign a Health Insurance Waiver prior to beginning clinicals.

9. Negative Criminal Background Check

Student are required to complete a criminal background check before clinical rotations. Program faculty will be notified that the student has passed or failed the background check without being given specific details. Only those with negative background checks will be allowed to participate in clinical rotations.

10. Drug and Alcohol Screening

As a requirement for completing a clinical rotation at certain clinical sites, the facility may require a drug test. The student will be responsible for the cost of the laboratory work

11. Two step TB test

Students will be required to have an initial two step TB test or current TB test prior to beginning of clinicals. Students will be responsible for the cost of this test.

12. Up to Date Student Portfolio