

PHT 6710: Clinical Skills I

Introduces students to basic PT examination and interventions in accordance with the patient management model found in the Guide to Physical Therapy Practice. Students will safely interact and communicate with patients including history taking and producing documentation of patient status. Safe performance of psychomotor skills such as patient postural assessments, positioning and draping, palpation addressing surface anatomy of the head, trunk and extremities, bed mobility, transfers, the use of assistive gait devices, vital signs monitoring, and patient guarding and handling techniques will be emphasized.

The first formal clinical experience external to the classroom environment occurs during this course. Students complete multi system screening with community dwelling aging adults practicing the skills learned throughout the semester. They also begin their community service learning opportunities which are self-selected and directed at a different populations.