

PHT 6814: Clinical Practicum I

This course includes classroom instruction, integrated clinical education (ICE) experiences and concludes with a 4-week full-time clinical internship in the skilled nursing facility (SNF) setting. Classroom instruction focuses on orientation and preparation for both integrated and full-time clinical experiences. The ICE experiences employ a self-contained collaborative clinical education model where students are directly supervised in the clinic by academic faculty. Students practice examination/evaluation and treatment skills learned in the curriculum concurrently and cumulatively throughout the course of the semester in underserved geriatric and other adult populations in an acute care hospital joint replacement unit, outpatient clinic and a skilled nursing facility. Emphasis during the ICE experiences is on developing skills in professional behavior, clinical safety, communication, therapeutic presence, assessment, examination, screening, basic treatment planning and performance of basic skill interventions based primarily on Clinical Skills I with introduction of some of the skills in Clinical Skills II and cardiopulmonary. The 4-week full-time internship is a community based clinical education experience in which students are directly supervised in a SNF by community-based clinicians in a 1: 1 or 2:1 model based on facility preference. Emphasis during the internship is on developing confidence and competency in professional behavior, clinical safety, communication, therapeutic presence, assessment, examination, treatment planning, patient/client education, reimbursement/billing, and performance of basic skill interventions and documentation with patients/clients scheduled on a repetitive basis over the course of 4-weeks.