

# Clinical Education Experiences

The goal of clinical education experiences at Nazareth College is to provide PT students with multiple applied opportunities for demonstrating and integrating professional knowledge, skills, and attitudes while engaged with a variety of patients and health care professionals. These learning experiences occur under the supervision and mentorship of community-based physical therapists.

## **Clinical Education I (PTR 528)**

This is a supervised eight (8) week clinical education experience provided in an approved agency, occurring in the summer following the students' third year of study. The primary emphasis of the first clinical experience is to reinforce and practice basic physical therapy skills in direct patient care as appropriate in a variety of PT practice settings and demonstrate clinical competency.

## **Clinical Education II (PTR 635)**

This is a supervised eight (8) week clinical educational experience provided in an approved agency and occurs following the students' fourth year of study. The student is expected to have achieved basic and observational skills, and be able to conduct basic assessments independently. Following an orientation to the facility, the student is expected to carry out more difficult patient treatments in accordance with all didactic instruction proceeding this clinical. Note writing and goal setting are areas that are emphasized since the student must learn to connect observations and measurements to reasonable and functional patient goals. The student should be an active participant in discharge planning. Students should demonstrate developing professional behaviors, as measured by the CPI.

## **Clinical Education III (PTR 636)**

This is a supervised eight-week (8) clinical educational experience provided in an approved agency. The primary emphasis of this experience is to demonstrate entry-level competency in examination, evaluation, documentation, goal setting, intervention, modification of plan of care, and discharge planning. Students should also demonstrate entry level professional behaviors, as measured by the CPI.

## **Clinical Education IV (PTR 725)**

This is a part-time, supervised integrated\*\* clinical experience for graduate physical therapy students in selected on and off campus practice settings designed to engage students in the provision of physical therapy services to unique, complex groups of patients and clients. These settings provide students with the experience of providing intervention in interdisciplinary models to individuals who are underserved. Additionally, students engage in tasks and assignments directly related to successful clinical practice.

## **Clinical Education V (PTR 726)**

This is a supervised eight-week (8) clinical educational experience provided in an approved agency. The primary emphasis of this experience is to demonstrate entry-level competency in examination, evaluation, documentation, goal setting, intervention, and discharge planning in more complex settings. Students should also demonstrate entry-level professional behavior as measured by the CPI with increased efficiency and consistency. In addition, students will analyze information gathered for completion of a case report for PTR 508.

## **\*\*Integrated Clinical Experiences**

Integrated clinical experiences are intended to enhance the student's understanding of the academic course work through the experience of applying new information immediately. The clinical instructors are faculty who provide specific feedback essential for refining and improving skills.

## Curriculum Information for DPT Courses

<b>Summer Session</b>			
PTR 518/PTR 518AS Human Gross Anatomy		6cr.	
PTR 524/PTR 524AS Pat./Client Management I		4cr.	
PTR 520/PTR 520AS Professional Issues I		3cr.	
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
PTR 511/PTR 511AS Kinesiology	4cr.	PTR 514/PTR514AS Exercise Science	2cr.
PTR 513/PTR 513AS Pathophysiology	4cr.	PTR 521/PTR 521AS Healthcare System	3cr.
PTR 512/PTR 512AS Neuroscience I	4cr.	PTR 525/PTR 525AS Pat./Client Management II	4cr.
PTR 523/PTR 523AS Soft Tissue Techniques	2 cr.	PTR 516/PTR 516AS Applied Neuroscience	3cr.
PTR 515 Evidence in Clinical Practice	1 cr.	PTR 628/PTR 628AS Differential Diagnosis and Medical Imaging	3cr.
	<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Summer Session</b>			
<b>PTR 528 Clinical Experience I (1<sup>st</sup> 8 weeks)</b>		6 cr.	
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
PTR 659 Evaluation and Interventions of Persons with Neuromuscular Problems I	4cr.	PTR 629 Evaluation and Intervention of Musculoskeletal II ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> 7 weeks</i> )	4cr.
PTR 626 Eval & Intervention of Cardiopulmonary Problems	3cr.	PTR 660 Evaluation and Intervention of Persons with Neuromuscular Problems II ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> 7 weeks</i> )	4cr.
PTR 627 Eval. & Intervention. of Musculoskeletal I	4cr.	<b>PTR 635 Clinical Education II (2<sup>nd</sup> 8 weeks)</b>	<b>6 cr.</b>
PTR 522 Professional Issues II	2cr.	PTR 654 Research II: Proposal Review and Modification	1 cr.
PTR 650 Research I Proposal	2cr.		
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<b>Summer Session</b>			
PTR 630 Eval & Inter. of Integ	2cr.	<b>PTR 636 Clinical Education III (2<sup>nd</sup> 8 weeks)</b>	<b>6 cr.</b>
PTR 712 Culture & Health Care	2cr.		
PTR 661 Research III – Data Collection	2cr.		

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PTR 710 Business & Management for Physical Therapists	5cr.	PTR 761 Research V: Project Presentation & Case Report	3cr.
PTR 615 Health Promotion and Wellness	3cr.	PTR 721 Professional Issues III	3cr.
PTR 760 Research IV: Project Completion	3cr.	<b>PTR 726 Clinical Education V – 8 weeks</b>	<b>6 cr.</b>
<b>PTR 725 Clinical Education IV</b>	<b>2cr.</b>	PTR 728 Elective	1-3 cr.
	<b>14</b>		<b>12-15</b>

**This is the PT website for course description**

[http://www.naz.edu/dept/physical\\_therapy/dpt.html](http://www.naz.edu/dept/physical_therapy/dpt.html)

See Clinical Education Manual on the website for additional information.