Course description: This course is a full time clinical internship in which the student is supervised by a licensed physical therapist. This is the second of four 8-week clinical internships. Students are matched to appropriate clinical sites including, but not limited to acute care, outpatient physical therapy, inpatient rehab, or specialty settings. Clinical sites will provide adequate opportunities for students to practice the skills included in the Clinical Performance Instrument. The culmination of all four clinical experiences will allow the student to demonstrate competence in managing patients with a variety of dysfunction involving musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, cardio/pulmonary, and integumentary systems. These clinical experiences will also expose the student to a variety of age groups and levels of patient care.

Course prerequisites: Course participation is limited to entry-level DPT student in their second year of the UF program.

Course Offered by: Department of Physical Therapy, College of Public Health and Health Professions, University of Florida

Credit hours: 6 credit hours

Course instructor(s): Bill McGehee, PT PhD
wmcgehee@phhp.ufl.edu, 352-273-9366
Office Hours: Room 1139, by appointment

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Class time: 40 Hours per week as arranged according to the clinical instructor’s work schedule

Course Objectives:
1. Demonstrate professional responsibility by timely and accurate completion of all online assignments.
2. Demonstrate maturity in all interactions with patients, co-workers, and faculty.
3. Achieve “Advanced Beginner” or above on all criteria in the CPI

Teaching methods:
Students receive clinical mentoring on site by a licensed physical therapist at their assigned clinical internship site. Students are expected to demonstrate adult learning behaviors by seeking out learning opportunities and clearly communicating goals and expectations to clinical mentors and faculty.

Recommended resources:
1. Guide to Physical Therapist Practice, APTA
2. State Practice Act for state in which your clinical site is located
3. UF DPT Student Handbook
4. UF DPT Clinical Education Handbook
5. Course textbooks and notes
Assignments: (All Due Dates posted on Canvas)

1. Complete Contact Information Assignment via Canvas course site

2. Complete mid-term CPI self-assessment, CI assessment, mid-term student evaluation of the clinical site and clinical experience and meet with CI to discuss these evaluations. PT CPI to be completed on Online CPI website. Student evaluation of clinical site and clinical experience to be submitted via Acadaware and Canvas course site

3. Complete in-service presentation or facility project and submit a handout from presentation or outline of project to DCE via Canvas course site

4. Complete final CPI self-assessment, CI assessment, final student evaluation of the clinical site and clinical experience and meet with CI to discuss these evaluations. PT CPI to be completed on Online CPI website. Student evaluation of clinical site and clinical experience to be submitted via Acadaware and Canvas course site

5. Complete Internship Information Sheet Assignment via Canvas course site

Grading: Students shall abide by the clinical education attendance policy as outlined in the UF DPT Clinical Education Handbook. Standardized criteria according to the Student Clinical Performance Instrument of the APTA will be utilized by clinical instructors to assess student performance. This course is graded as Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory based on the student’s ability to meet the course objectives noted above. Students must complete online assignments accurately in a timely fashion. **Students must achieve a minimum of 80% of the points for the online assignments and meet the “Advanced Beginner” criteria in the Student Clinical Performance Instrument to achieve a “Satisfactory” grade.**

Policy Related to Attendance: Students are expected to abide by the clinical education attendance policy as outlined in the UF DPT Clinical Education Handbook.

Academic Honesty: Per the University of Florida Department of Physical Therapy student handbook, students are required to abide by the UF Academic Honesty Guidelines. Cheating, lying, misrepresentation, or plagiarism in any form is unacceptable and inexcusable behavior. The following pledge has been accepted by the University and is expected of all students:

“I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all of their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the University.”

We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity. The following pledge is implied on all work submitted for credit by UF students and is required on all assignments.
“On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.”

**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:** Students requesting classroom accommodations must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide the documentation to the course instructor when requesting accommodation.

**Counseling and Student Health:** Students may occasionally have personal issues that arise in the course of pursuing higher education or that may interfere with their academic performance. If you find yourself facing problems affecting your coursework, you are encouraged to talk with an instructor and to seek confidential assistance at the UF Counseling & Wellness Center, 352-392-1575. Visit their website for more information: [http://www.counseling.ufl.edu](http://www.counseling.ufl.edu)

The Student Health Care Center at Shands is a satellite clinic of the main Student Health Care Center located on Fletcher Drive on campus. Student Health at Shands offers a variety of clinical services, including primary care, women's health care, immunizations, mental health care, and pharmacy services. The clinic is located on the second floor of the Dental Tower in the Health Science Center. For more information, contact the clinic at 392-0627 or check out the web site at: [www.health.ufl.edu/shcc](http://www.health.ufl.edu/shcc)

Crisis intervention is available 24/7 from:

- Alachua County Crisis Center:
  - (352) 264-6789
  - [http://www.alachuacounty.us/DEPTS/CSS/CRISISCENTER/Pages/CrisisCenter.aspx](http://www.alachuacounty.us/DEPTS/CSS/CRISISCENTER/Pages/CrisisCenter.aspx)