

Physical Therapy Aide

LEARNING OBJECTIVES



Our 327-hour outline is divided into 11 in-depth courses that cover a wide range of topics, including communication practices, anatomy and physiology, general patient care, position and transfer patients, ethical concepts, and so much more.

Program Orientation: Physical Therapy Aide

- Initiate Physical Therapy Aide program.

Healthcare Foundational Knowledge and Basic Science

- Summarize the medical assisting profession.
- Translate medical terminology using abbreviations, word building, and important terms.
- Explain how nutrition knowledge relates to health and disease.
- Identify the role psychology plays in dealing with patients and their behavior.

Anatomy and Physiology

- Identify the structures, locations, and functions of major body systems and the organs that comprise them.
- Explain how the organs of the major body systems interact and maintain homeostasis.
- Compare various risk factors leading to high mortality and morbidity.
- Describe the components of cell structure and their functions.
- Summarize how infectious agents affect cellular growth and function.
- Define basic anatomical terms.

General Patient Care

- Summarize the pharmacology basics needed by a medical assistant
- Outline the tasks required to prepare the examination room and the patient for examination.
- Summarize the medical assistant's responsibilities in assisting the provider with examinations.
- Identify the steps for responding to patient emergency situations in a general patient care facility.
- Describe the tasks required to properly maintain medical records and documentation.

Patient Care Coordination and Education

- Review how to administer and coordinate general patient care according to professional best practices.
- Explore the role and responsibilities in administering patient care.
- Explore the role and responsibilities in facilitating patient education.
- Summarize basic communication best practices and potential barriers to effective communication with patients.

Medical Administrative Assistant

- Describe the differences between common healthcare delivery models.
- Describe the types of services typically offered in medical offices, including general and specialty services.
- Define ancillary services and alternative therapies.

Medical Laws and Ethics

- Describe common legal issues related to prescriptions and medication administration.
- Identify key legal and regulatory aspects of the healthcare environment.
- Analyze key ethical and legal aspects of the medical profession.
- Summarize common legal issues related to medical documentation.
- Infection Control
- Review the causes and diagnostic methods of various infectious and communicable diseases.
- Explore the protective measures required to prevent infection.
- Outline the treatments and protective measures required to manage and control the spread of infectious disease.
- Identify procedures and protocols for responding to infection control.

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Foundations of Physical Therapy

- Describe the necessary foundations for becoming a physical therapy aide.
- Describe the basic structure and functions of the human body, with particular emphasis on the anatomy and physiology of the musculoskeletal system.
- Explain how physical therapy can be used to treat common medical disorders.
- Summarize the best practices for patient preparation used by a physical therapy aide.
- Summarize the various types of physical therapy modalities.
- Explain how to pursue a job in the field of physical therapy.
- Communication and Customer Service in Healthcare Office
- Identify the various types and styles of communication used in a healthcare office.
- Review how verbal, non-verbal, and written communication skills contribute to patient experience and outcome in a health care office.
- Identify professional communication techniques for a healthcare office, including interviewing techniques and use of medical terminology and patient-accessible language.
- Explore modified communication for patients with special considerations.
- Outline protocols for providing customer service for a health care office.

Program Completion: Physical Therapy Aide

- Prepare to take next steps for program completion.

Total Hours: 327

Coursework, Simulations, and Experiential