

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.

We'll also prepare you to sit for the **Physical Therapy Technician/Aide certification exam offered by the American Medical Certification Association (AMCA)**.

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