

Competencies for PTA 268*

- A. Student demonstrates effective use of communication skills, according to the audience being addressed.
- B. Student demonstrates proper use of body mechanics at all times.
- C. Student understands the plan of care, and implements the appropriate interventions within that plan of care to reach long and short-term goals as established by the physical therapist.
- D. Student demonstrates knowledge of neurological dysfunctions, signs and symptoms of CNS deficits, and reflex and sensory testing.
- E. Student demonstrates understanding of the role of the PTA in treating and assisting with the treatment in the above.
- F. Demonstrates understanding of psychological and psychosocial effects of illness or injury, including the ability to recognize the special needs of the terminally ill patient.
- G. Demonstrates knowledge of abnormalities in growth and development in pediatric patient.
- H. Demonstrates an entry-level understanding of the interventions to be used in a chronic pain management program.
- I. Demonstrates knowledge of advanced rehabilitation techniques to be used in helping the patient to gain independence in the basic activities of daily living, progressing the patient through the stages of motor control, within the plan of care as established by the physical therapist.
- J. Demonstrates responsibility for continued learning and professional development.
- K. Demonstrates an understanding of the scope of work of the PTA and the working relationship with the PT.
- L. Demonstrates an understanding of the proper use of supportive personnel in the practice of physical therapy.

*All competencies from PTA 210 and 263 will be carried over into this clinical affiliation.