

Confidentiality (PTA)

Students have a right to be kept up to date on their performance, both academically and clinically. The faculty of the PTA Program will make certain that students are informed of their grades in all academic courses and will make certain that any problems encountered during clinical affiliations are made known to the student in time for corrective action to occur. Conferences pertaining to students' performance will be held in an office that offers privacy for the student.

During the course of the PTA Program, students will have access to information about patients as well as other students, therapists, and faculty that could be damaging to that person personally and/or professionally. For that reason, anything that occurs or is discussed during class or clinicals is considered privileged information. Clinics operate under strict rules and regulations regarding patient privacy and confidentiality (HIPPA). Students will be instructed in generalized rules, but **MUST** follow clinical rules regarding patient privacy and confidentiality.

Confidentiality extends to include any information that may be shared via social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.). Violation of these rules is considered a breach of ethics and can result in disciplinary action, including dismissal from the program.