

Clinical Internship Policies: Policies for Student Experiences



1. Physical therapists (PTs) and physical therapist assistants (PTAs) will display a current state license.
2. PTs and PTAs will abide by the West Virginia State Practice Act, interpretive rules and regulations, and the APTA Code of Ethics.
3. The clinic will have a mechanism, formal or informal, for reporting unethical, illegal, unprofessional and/or incompetent practice. This can be found in the Policy and Procedure Manual.
4. The clinical center adheres to affirmation actions policies and does not knowingly discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, color, age, religion, sexual orientation, national/ethnic origin, disability or health status. These policies apply to recruiting, hiring, promoting, retraining or recommending benefits for professional or nonprofessional personnel.
5. The clinical center does not discriminate in the selection or assignment of students or their learning experience.
6. The clinical center demonstrates administrative support of physical therapy clinical education
 - a. Demonstration of support to staff participation in clinical education activities.
 - b. Promotes participation of staff as clinical instructors (CIs).
 - c. Provides educational opportunities related to clinical education such as seminars, in-services, clinical instructor training programs, APTA CI Education and Credentialing Programs, etc.
7. The clinical center is able to provide a patient population appropriate to the student's level of education and prior experience. The clinical center will provide, if available and appropriate, opportunities for students to participate in other patient related experiences including case studies and other health professionals and medical procedures.
8. The clinical center has a variety of equipment to provide contemporary services for patient/client management.
9. The clinical center provides an active and stimulating environment appropriate for the learning needs of students.
 - a. Effective management
 - b. High staff morale
 - c. Harmonious working relationships
 - d. Sound, interdisciplinary patient management procedures
 - e. Education opportunities and resources for Clinical Instructors.
10. Staff responsibilities for patient care service, teaching, research, and community service permit adequate time for supervision of students in physical therapy.
11. Management practices will include, but will not be limited, to:
 - a. Resource utilization
 - b. Quality improvement
 - c. Reimbursement
 - d. Cost Containment, and
 - e. Scheduling and productivity
12. The center coordinator of clinical education (CCCE) will be a professional who possesses the skills to organize, oversee, evaluate, and make appropriate changes in the clinical education program.