



Murray State College Physical Therapist Assistant Program Clinical Instructor Quick Reference Guide

PTA Program Mission . . . To prepare graduates that can successfully enter the physical therapy profession; give client centered physical therapy services as effective and valued team members who understand the role of the PT and the PTA in the provision of high-quality physical therapy services; and to be life-long learners with behaviors that support the core values of the profession.

Clinical Education

There are three full-time clinical experiences over the course of the program.

- PTA 2152 – 4 weeks – 160 hours
 - Integrated within the program
- PTA 2243 – 5 weeks – 200 hours
 - Following all classroom instruction
- PTA 2253 – 5 weeks – 200 hours

Each clinical experience has specific student expectations outlined in each clinical course syllabus.

Check out the MSC CI Resource Manual available the MSC Program CI Link below.

Clinical Instructor Activities and Expectations

- Review and sign CI agreement on or before beginning clinical.
- Review student self-assessment and communicate expectations, goals, and in-services if required.
- Provide orientation to the facility and policies and procedures that apply to the student.
- Always provide DIRECT SUPERVISION.
- Provide questions and offer feedback to assist students in further developing clinical decision-making skills.
- Providing ongoing feedback to students regarding performance.
- Evaluate and document student performance using the PTA CPI.
- Contact ACCE if student is not progressing a satisfactory way to develop a learning agreement.

Clinical Instructor Resources

[CPI Training 2023](#) –



[APTA Supervision & Teamwork](#)



[MSC Program CI Webpage](#)



Expectations of the Student

- Students will complete a self-assessment and develop a list of strengths, weaknesses, and specific goals to achieve during this rotation.
- Submit signed CI agreement form by the end of day one.
- Participate in the orientation of the facility and review policies and procedures that pertain to the student.
- The student is responsible to communicate to CI the specific PTA CPI required skills to complete during this clinical.
- Student and CI will complete student review sheet.
- Student will complete weekly journal entries into Blackboard.
- The student will complete the PTA student evaluation document and review with the CI.
- The student will communicate directly with Mrs. Paul and concerns that effect their performance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact:

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