



Horry-Georgetown
Technical College

COURSE INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE

PTH 253

Clinical Practice II

Effective Term

Fall 2026

Part I: Course Information

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COURSE PREFIX: PTH 253

COURSE TITLE: Clinical Practice II

CONTACT HOURS: 9

CREDIT HOURS: 3

RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE:

This course allows the student insight into the practice of physical therapy by working directly under the supervision of a physical therapist (PT) or physical therapist assistant (PTA). The course has scheduled rotations through a clinic offering the student an opportunity to put into practice the skills and techniques taught in previous course work.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course involves the student's participation in the basic treatment techniques of physical therapy, intensified in both the clinic and classroom setting. This course includes patient treatments under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist and/or a licensed physical therapist assistant.

PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:

Prerequisites: PTH 242 and PTH 244

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Please visit the [BOOKSTORE](#) online site for most current textbook information. Enter the semester, course prefix, number and section when prompted and you will be linked to the correct textbook.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

HIPAA Training

Purpose: To ensure confidentiality of patient protected health information to which students have access in the course of their clinical education experiences. The ACCE will review and reinforce training regarding HIPAA standards and regulations to all students involved in the clinical educational experiences. Students will sign a Confidentiality Form that states the date of the training. Signed forms will be kept in the student's permanent file. A student who does not receive HIPAA training will not be allowed to participate in clinical education experiences.

OSHA Training

Purpose: To protect the student from health hazards associated with blood borne pathogens. To prepare students for clinical education experiences which require that students are in

compliance with Occupational Health and Safety Administration guidelines. Students will attend an annual OSHA/Blood Borne Pathogens training session. The ACCE will arrange and provide Blood Borne Pathogens instruction to all students enrolled in clinical education annually. Students will sign a form with the date of the training. Forms will be maintained by the ACCE in the student's permanent file. Students who do not complete OSHA/Blood borne Pathogen training will not be able to participate in clinical education experiences.

CPR Certification

Purpose: To ensure that all students are certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) prior to entering a clinical education experience. All students must complete a CPR certification course prior to entering a clinical education experience and provide documentation of same. The student is responsible for any expenses related to CPR training. A student who does not submit appropriate documentation to verify CPR certification prior to scheduled clinical education experiences will not be permitted to participate in the clinical education portion of the program.

Liability Insurance

All students must be covered by liability insurance before being allowed to enter the clinic, which is included in the course tuition.

Health Requirements

As a Physical Therapist Assistant student you are involved in clinical instruction. You may be at risk for exposure to infectious or communicable diseases, including but not limited to illness common in childhood (measles, mumps, rubella, and chicken pox), hepatitis B, and tuberculosis. It is important that you have a current physical and documentation for common vaccinations received in childhood, along with a negative TB results (must provide documentation of negative TB results in past year), current flu vaccination, current status for hepatitis B vaccinations and a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) shot to meet the standards of fieldwork centers. This requirement is for your health and safety and that of the patients/clients served by the institution.

BACKGROUND CHECK AND DRUG TESTING REQUIREMENTS:

Procedure: All clinical sites require the student to pass criminal background investigation and drug testing prior to or at the beginning of the clinical assignment. In addition, students may be required to take a drug test at any time during a clinical rotation.

Student Travel

Students can expect to travel to a variety of clinical sites within a 100-mile radius of HGTC. Students are responsible for their individual travel to and from the HGTC campus or to any assigned clinical experience or field trip, see policy #8.1.1 Field Trips/Student or Group Travel Policy.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Access to Desire2Learn (D2L), HGTC's learning management system (LMS) used for course materials.
- Access to myHGTC portal for student self-services.
- College email access – this is the college's primary official form of communication.

ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION:

The Add/Drop Period is the first 7 days of the semester for **full term** classes. Add/Drop periods are shorter for accelerated format classes. Please refer to the [academic calendar](#) for deadlines for add/drop. You must attend at least one meeting of all your classes during that period. If you do not, you will be dropped from the course(s) and your Financial Aid will be reduced accordingly

IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION:

Students enrolled in online courses will be required to complete identity verification. Please refer to your Instructor's Course Information Sheet for information regarding this requirement.

STUDENT COURSE EVALUATIONS:

Each semester, students are provided with an opportunity to participate in course evaluation surveys. These evaluations offer crucial feedback to instructors and the College, leading to enhancement of educational quality. By completing these surveys, you play a key role in the ongoing improvement of teaching methods and course content, ensuring future students enjoy a better learning experience. Students are encouraged to complete these surveys as your active participation in this process reflects your dedication to your education and drives positive change.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE AND STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

As a matter of courtesy to other students and your professor, please turn off cell phones and other communication/entertainment devices before class begins. If you are monitoring an emergency, please notify your professor prior to class and switch cell phone ringers to vibrate.

To ensure a positive College experience, guidelines exist in numerous areas of campus life. The Student Code for The South Carolina Technical College System “The Student Code” (3-2-106.1) applies to all HGTC students. The Student Code sets forth rights and responsibilities of the individual student, identifies behaviors that are not consistent with the values of college communities, and describes the procedures that will be followed to adjudicate cases of alleged misconduct. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a civil manner, that is respectful of the rights of others, and that is compatible with the college’s educational mission. Students are expected to comply with all of the college’s duly established rules and regulations regarding student behavior while on campus; while participating in off-campus college sponsored activities; and while participating in off-campus clinical, field, internship, or in-service experiences. Students are expected to comply with all course requirements as specified by instructors in course syllabi and to meet the standards of acceptable classroom behavior set by instructors. For more information, login to your myHGTC account under “Student Rights and Responsibilities” card then select “Student Code of Conduct” or the “Student Catalog and Handbook.”

Part II: Student Learning Outcomes

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES and ASSESSMENTS*:

After successful completion of this course, the student will be able to meet the following terminal behavior outcomes:

1. Student will be able to review the plan of care established by the physical therapist prior to initiating patient/client intervention with guidance from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)
2. Student will provide safe interventions as directed in the plan of care and supervised by the physical therapist with only confirmation from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student confers with the clinical instructor prior to, or following and activity for the purpose of sharing information and/or validating decision making)
3. Student will provide effective instruction to the patient/client and others to achieve the goals and outcomes as described in the plan of care with guidance from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)
4. Student will collect data to quantify the patient’s/client’s response to interventions as directed and supervised by the physical therapist with guidance from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)

5. Student will be able to progress the patient/client interventions through the plan of care with guidance from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)
6. Student will complete documentation that follows professional guidelines, healthcare system, and physical therapy facility policies with guidance from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)
7. Student will respond effectively to patient/client and environmental emergencies in the work setting with guidance from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)
8. Student can expressively and receptively communicate in a culturally competent manner with physical therapists, patients/clients, family members, and caregivers, other health care providers, students, interdisciplinary team members, administrators, payers, and consumers with guidance from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)
9. Student can effectively educate others using teaching methods that commensurate with the needs of the learners with guidance from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)
10. Student can educate others about the role of the physical therapist assistant with guidance from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)
11. Student complies with facility procedures and payer regulations consistent with the health care delivery system and the practice setting with only confirmation from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student confers with the clinical instructor prior to, or following and activity for the purpose of sharing information and/or validating decision making)
12. Student adheres to federal and state legal practice standards and institutional regulations related to patient/client care and fiscal management with only confirmation from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student confers with the clinical instructor prior to, or following and activity for the purpose of sharing information and/or validating decision making)
13. Student acts in a manner consistent with the Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession and APTA Guide for Conduct of the Physical Therapist Assistant with only confirmation from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student confers with the clinical instructor prior to, or following and activity for the purpose of sharing information and/or validating decision making)
14. Student can modify his/her behavior during patient or colleague interaction with guidance from clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)

15. The student places patient's/client's needs above the physical therapist assistant's self-interests with guidance from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)

16. The student exhibits compassion, caring, and empathy in providing services to patients/clients with guidance from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)

17. The student promotes active involvement of the patient/client in his or her care with guidance from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)

18. The student identifies, respects, and acts with consideration for the patient's/client's differences, values, preferences, and expressed needs in all physical therapy activities with guidance from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)

19. The student demonstrates behaviors, conduct, actions, attitudes, and values consistent with the roles, responsibilities, and tasks of the physical therapist assistant with guidance from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)

20. The student supports and participates in organizations and efforts that promote physical therapy with guidance from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)

21. The student demonstrates integrity in all interactions with patients/clients, family members, caregivers, supervising physical therapists, coworkers, other health care providers, students, other consumers, employers, and payers with guidance from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)

22. The student values and supports the physical therapy profession in society and demonstrates citizenship with guidance from the clinical instructor. (I.e., Student needs advice from clinical instructor to expand knowledge or skills)

Assessment(s): All course learning outcomes assessed on the Clinical Assessment Tool.

STUDENT UNIT LEARNING OUTCOMES PER MODULE

Weekly student learning outcomes will vary to meet the overall course learning outcomes per clinical site. The student will develop an individual plan of action with his or her clinical instructor to meet the course learning outcomes.

****Students – please refer to the Instructor's Course Information sheet for specific information on assessments and due dates.***

Part III: Grading and Assessment

EVALUATION OF REQUIRED COURSE MEASURES/ARTIFACTS*:

Students' performance will be assessed, and the weight associated with the various measures/artifacts are listed below.

EVALUATION*

Clinical Assessment Tool:	50%
ICF/Case Study/Presentation:	25%
Additional Assignments:	25%
• Weekly Reflective Journals	
• Weekly Log Sheets	
• Self-Assessment of the Clinical Assessment Tool (Midterm and Final)	
• Weekly Summary Form of Goals	
• APTA Evaluation of the Site and CI (Midterm and Final)	
• Clinical Research Assignment	
• Thank-You Letter	
Total	100%

****Students, for the specific number and type of evaluations, please refer to the Instructor's Course Information Sheet.***

GRADING SYSTEM:

Please note the College adheres to a 10-point grading scale A = 100 – 90, B = 89–80, C = 79 – 70, D = 69 – 60, F = 59 and below.

Grades earned in courses impact academic progression and financial aid status. Before withdrawing from a course, be sure to talk with your instructor and financial aid counselor about the implications of that course of action. Ds, Fs, Ws, and Is also negatively impact academic progression and financial aid status.

Part IV: Attendance

Horry-Georgetown Technical College maintains a general attendance policy requiring students to be present for a minimum of 80 percent (80%) of their classes to receive credit for any course. Due to the varied nature of courses taught

at the college, some faculty may require up to 90 percent (90%) attendance. Pursuant to 34 Code of Federal Regulations 228.22 – Return to Title IV Funds, once a student has missed over 20% of the course or has missed two (2) consecutive weeks, the faculty is obligated to withdraw the student, and a student may not be permitted to reenroll. **Instructors define absentee limits for their class at the beginning of each term; please refer to the Instructor Course Information Sheet.**

For online and hybrid courses, refer to your Instructor's Course Information Sheet for any required on-site meeting times. In online courses, attendance is fulfilled through the submission of academic work. Please be aware that instructors may require exams to be proctored either online or at an approved testing site. If you choose to use a testing center other than those provided by HGTC, that center may charge a fee for its services.

Part V: Student Resources

THE STUDENT SUCCESS AND TUTORING CENTER (SSTC):



The SSTC offers all students the following **free** resources:

1. Academic tutors for most subject areas, Writing Center support, and Academic Coaching for college success skills.
2. Online tutoring and academic support resources.
3. Professional and interpersonal communication coaching.

Visit the [Student Success & Tutoring Center](#) website for more information. To schedule tutoring or coaching, contact the SSTC at sstc@hgtc.edu or self-schedule in the Penji iOS/Android app or at www.penjiapp.com. Email sstc@hgtc.edu or call SSTC Conway, 349-7872; SSTC Grand Strand, 477-2113; and SSTC Georgetown, 520-1455, or go to the SSTC [Online Resource Center](#) to access on-demand resources.

STUDENT INFORMATION CENTER – TECH Central:



TECH Central offers all students the following **free** resources:

1. Getting around HGTC: General information and guidance for enrollment, financial aid, registration, and payment plan support!

2. In-person and remote assistance are available for Desire2Learn, Student Portal, Degree Works, and Office 365.

3. Chat with our staff on TECH Talk, our live chat service. TECH Talk can be accessed on the student portal and on TECH Central's website, or by texting questions to (843) 375-8552. Visit the [Tech Central website](#) for more information. Live Chat and Center locations are posted on the website. You may also call (843) 349-5199.



HGTC LIBRARY:

Each campus location has a library where HGTC students, faculty, and staff may check out materials with their HGTC ID. All three HGTC campus libraries have librarians and staff who can aid with research, computers to support academic research and related school-work, and individual/group study rooms. Printing is available as well at each location. Visit the [Library](#) website for more information or call (843) 349-5268.

STUDENT TESTING:

Testing in HGTC courses may occur during regularly scheduled class time or online, with or without proctoring. Tests may be delivered in the following formats:

- Digitally through D2L
- In writing on paper
- Through a publisher platform (note: some publisher platforms carry an associated fee)

Tests may include time limits and may require proctoring depending on the course.

When proctoring is required and is not provided by the course instructor in the classroom, students may complete their test face-to-face at an [HGTC Testing Center](#) or another approved testing site, or online using HGTC's online proctoring provider. For more information about available proctoring options, visit the [Online Testing](#) section of the HGTC Testing Center webpage.

Students testing at an HGTC Testing Center should note the following:

- **Appointments must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance.**
- **A physical, government-issued photo ID is required to test.**

The **Instructor Information Sheet** will have more details on test requirements for your course.

DISABILITY SERVICES:

HGTC is committed to providing an accessible environment for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodations are encouraged to visit HGTC's [Accessibility and Disability Service webpage](#) for detailed information.

It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as needing accommodations and to provide appropriate documentation. Once documentation is submitted, the student will participate in an interactive process with Accessibility and Disability Services staff to determine reasonable accommodations. Students may begin the accommodations process at any time; however, accommodations are **not retroactive** and will only be applied from the point at which they are approved. Students must contact the office **each semester** to renew their accommodations.

For assistance, please contact the Accessibility and Disability Services team at disabilityservices@hgtc.edu or 843-796-8818 (call or text).

COUNSELING SERVICES:

HGTC Counseling Services strives to optimize student success through managing personal and academic concerns that may interfere with achieving educational goals. Staff are available to every student for assistance and guidance on personal matters, academic concerns and other areas of concern. HGTC offers free in-person and telehealth counseling services to students. For more information about counseling services, please reach out to counseling@hgtc.edu or visit the website the [Counseling Services webpage](#).

STATEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:

Our sincere commitment to both effective business management and equitable treatment of our employees requires that we present this Policy Statement as an

embodiment of that commitment to the fullest.

Discrimination is conduct that includes unjust or prejudicial treatment based upon an individual's age, race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, and genetic information or any other protected classes deemed unlawful under State or Federal law that excludes an individual from participation in, denies the individual the benefits of, treats the individual differently, or otherwise adversely affects a term or condition of a person's working or learning environment. This includes failing to provide reasonable accommodation, consistent with state and federal law, to persons with disabilities.

All inquiries regarding the federal laws as they relate to discrimination on the basis of sex may be directed to Jen Riddei, Title IX Coordinator, Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Building 1100C, Room 107B, 2050 HWY 501 E, PO Box 261966, 843-349-5218, Jenifer.Riddei@hgtc.edu.

Student and prospective student inquiries concerning the federal laws and their application to the College or any student decision may be directed to Dr. Melissa Batten, Vice President, Student Affairs, and Section 504 & Title II Coordinator, Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Building 1100C, Room 107A, 2050 HWY 501 E, PO Box 261966-6066, 843-349-5228, Melissa.Batten@hgtc.edu.

Employee and applicant inquiries concerning the federal laws and their application to the College may be directed to Jacquelyne Synder, Vice President, Human Resources and Employee Relations and the College's Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Officer, Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Building 200C, Room 205B, 2050 HWY 501 E, PO Box 261966, Conway, SC 29528-6066, 843-349-5212, Jacquelyne.Snyder@hgtc.edu.

TITLE IX REQUIREMENTS:

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 protects students, employees, applicants for admission and employment, and other persons from all forms of sex discrimination.

HGTC prohibits the offenses of sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and will provide students, faculty, and staff

with necessary information regarding prevention, policies, procedures, and resources.

Any student, or other member of the college community, who believes that they have been a victim of sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking may file a report with the college's Title IX Coordinator or campus law enforcement*.

*Faculty and Staff are required to report these incidents to the Title IX Coordinator when involving students. The only HGTC employees exempt from mandatory reporting are licensed mental health professionals (only as part of their job description such as counseling services).

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PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATIONS

Under Title IX, colleges must not exclude a pregnant student from participating in any part of an educational program. Horry-Georgetown Technical College is committed to ensuring that pregnant students receive reasonable accommodations to ensure access to our educational programs.

Students should advise the Title IX Coordinator of a potential need for accommodations as soon as they know they are pregnant. It is extremely important that communication between student, instructors, and the Title IX Coordinator begin as soon as possible. Each situation is unique and will be addressed individually.

Title IX accommodations DO NOT apply to Financial Aid. Financial Aid regulations do not give the College any discretion in terms of Financial Aid eligibility.

Certain educational programs may have strict certification requirements or requirements mandated by outside regulatory agencies. Therefore, in some programs, the application of Title IX accommodations may be limited.

To request pregnancy accommodations, please complete the *Pregnancy Intake Form* that can be found [here](#).