



BAKER COLLEGE
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

PTA 2050 Clinical Documentation for the PTA
1 Semester Hour

Student Learning Outcomes & Enabling Objectives

At the completion of this course, the student will be able to perform the following outcomes with a minimum competency of 77% (C+) or better:

1. Explain the purpose for the utilization of problem-oriented medical records in the rehabilitation setting.
 - a. Compare and contrast the roles and responsibilities of the Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant in documentation.
 - b. Identify medical abbreviations and symbols commonly utilized in the hospital and rehabilitation setting.
 - c. Differentiate between an initial evaluation, progress or interim note, and discharge summary.
 - d. Discuss necessary elements of medical records relating to quality assurance, billing, coding and liability.
 2. Construct a problem-oriented SOAP note using sample information in a case study format.
 - a. Identify relevant information for documentation through clinical observation and critical thinking skills.
 - b. Organize information into correct categories within the SOAP note.
 - c. Describe the importance of using functional outcome measures and goals in rehabilitation documentation.
 - d. Produce documentation that is accurate, concise and timely using professional and technical language.
 3. Demonstrate accurate billing and coding for physical therapy services within the scope of practice of a Physical Therapist Assistant.
 - a. Discuss the proper application of commonly used CPT codes in the rehabilitation setting.
 - b. Identify billing and coding requirements associated with common third-party payers including Medicare, BCBS and Workman's Compensation.
 4. Discuss legal and ethical standards of practice for documentation for the Physical Therapist Assistant.
 - a. Describe HIPAA regulations as it relates to patient confidentiality and medical records.
 - b. Discuss legal and ethical implications of improper documentation including liability and fraud.
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Big Ideas

- Medical records
- SOAP note
- Functional outcomes and goals
- Billing and coding
- Third party payers
- Standards of practice in documentation

Essential Questions

- What is the Physical Therapist Assistant's role in documentation of physical therapy services?
- How can documentation help to ensure safety and the provision of comprehensive, high-quality care in the healthcare profession?
- How does a Physical Therapist Assistant write an accurate and effective SOAP note in the medical record?
- How do physical therapy goals and functional outcome measures relate to a client's progress and plan of care?
- How does a Physical Therapist Assistant utilize billing codes accurately to optimize reimbursement and prevent fraud and abuse?
- Why is it important for a Physical Therapist Assistant to identify legal, ethical, and regulatory requirements for clinical documentation?

These SLOs are not approved for experiential credit.

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