PT CPI Performance Criteria Matched with Elements for PT Programs



This table provides the DPT academic program with a mechanism to relate the performance criteria from the *Physical Therapist Clinical Performance Instrument* with the 2016 Standards and Required Elements for Accreditation of Physical Therapist Education Program

Physical Therapist Clinical Performance Instrument Performance Criteria (PC)	Required Element	Required Elements for Accreditation of Physical Therapist Education Programs
1.1 Professionalism: Ethical Practice	7D4 7D5 7D6	Practice Consistent with Code of Ethics Practice consistent with APTA Core Values & moral reasoning
1.2 Professionalism: Legal Practice	7D1 7D2 7D3 7D33 7D37	Legal Practice Standards Report Abuse Report Fraud Respond to emergencies Assess safety Risks
1.3 Professionalism: Professional Growth	7D15	Career development & lifelong learning
2.1 Interpersonal: Communication	7D7 7D21	Communicate effectively Use ICF
2.2 Interpersonal: Inclusivity	7D8	Respect for differences
3.1 Technical/Procedural: Clinical Reasoning	7D9 7D10 7D11 7D16 7D34 7D35 7D36 7D40	Analyze scientific literature Apply knowledge, theory & judgment Best evidence Determine need for referral Prevention, Health & Wellness Direct Access Case Management Health Informatics



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3.2 Technical/Procedural: Examination, Evaluation, and Diagnosis	7D17 7D18 7D19a-w 7D22 7D23 7D35 7D40	Patient history Systems review Tests & Measures Determine diagnosis Determine pt goals & expected outcomes, timelines Direct Access Health Informatics
3.3 Technical/Procedural: Plan of Care and Case Management	7D20 7D24 7D26 7D28 7D30 7D35 7D36 7D39 7D40	Evaluate data from exam to make clinical judgments Establish plan of care Create discontinuation of episode of care plan Manage POC Monitor & adjust POC response to pt status Direct Access Case Management Interprofessional collaboration Health Informatics
3.4 Technical/Procedural: Interventions and Education	7D12 7D27a-i 7D34 7D35	Educate others PT interventions Prevention, Health & Wellness Direct Access
4.1 Business: Documentation	7D32 7D38	Documentation Quality Assurance & Improvement
4.2 Business: Financial Management and Fiscal Responsibility	7D30 7D31 7D35 7D36 7D38 7D40 7D41 7D42	Monitor & adjust POC response to pt status Assess pt outcomes Direct Access Case Management Quality Assurance & Improvement Health Informatics Assess health care policy Participate in financial management of setting



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5.1 Responsibility: Guiding and Coordinating Support Staff	7D25 7D29	Determine components of POC that may/may not be directed to PTA Delineate, communicate, & supervise POC delegated to PTA
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