

VALUES-BASED BEHAVIORS FOR THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT HOD P06-18-26-34 [Position]

The values-based behaviors for the physical therapist assistant are altruism, compassion and caring, continuing competence, duty, integrity, physical therapist-physical therapist assistant collaboration, responsibility, and social responsibility. The values-based behaviors are defined as follows:

- **Altruism**
Altruism is the primary regard for or devotion to the interest of patients and clients, thus assuming responsibility of placing the needs of patients and clients ahead of the physical therapist assistant's self-interest.
- **Compassion and Caring**
Compassion is the desire to identify with or sense something of another's experience; a precursor of caring.

Caring is the concern, empathy, and consideration for the needs and values of others.
- **Continuing Competence**
Continuing competence is the lifelong process of maintaining and documenting competence through ongoing self-assessment, development, and implementation of a personal learning plan, and subsequent reassessment.¹
- **Duty**
Duty is the commitment to meeting one's obligations to provide effective physical therapist services to individual patients and clients, to serve the profession, and to positively influence the health of society.
- **Integrity**
Integrity is the steadfast adherence to high ethical principles or standards; truthfulness, fairness, doing what you say you will do, and "speaking forth" about why you do what you do.
- **Physical Therapist-Physical Therapist Assistant Collaboration**
The physical therapist-physical therapist assistant team works together, within each partner's respective role, to achieve optimal patient and client care and to enhance the overall delivery of physical therapist services.
- **Responsibility**
Responsibility is the active acceptance of the roles, obligations, and actions of the physical therapist assistant, including behaviors that positively influence patient and client outcomes, the profession, and the health needs of society.
- **Social Responsibility**
Social responsibility is the promotion of a mutual trust between the physical therapist assistant, as a member of the profession, and the larger public that necessitates responding to societal needs for health and wellness.

REFERENCES:

- 1 Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. Continuing Competence Model.
<https://www.fsbpt.org/ForCandidatesAndLicensees/ContinuingCompetence/Model/>. Accessed July 2, 2010.

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