



TEMPLE
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College of Health Professions
Department of Physical Therapy
Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
Transition
Course Descriptions

PT 8576: Clinical Decision Making - 3 Credit Hours

This course presents frameworks for clinical reasoning and decision-making including the disablement model and patient care management model, as presented in The Guide to Physical Therapist Practice. The Guide contains a review of the cognitive processes of decision-making and presents the fundamentals of evidence-based practice, including development of clinically relevant questions, searching and applying the literature, and building clinical data bases to provide evidence. The Guide also includes introductory concepts of outcomes measurement and epidemiology.

The required texts for this course are:

- APTA, Guide to Physical Therapist Practice, 2nd Ed, American Physical Therapy Association, Alexandria, VA, 2001.
- Coulehan, JL, Block ~ The Medical Interview, 4th Ed, Philadelphia, FA Davis, 2001.
- Sackett DL, Richardson WS, Rosenberg W, Haynes RB, Evidence-based Medicine, 2nd Ed, Churchill Livingstone, 2000.
- Strauss, SE, Richardson WS, Glasziou, P, Haynes RB, Evidence-Based Medicine, 2nd Ed, Churchill Livingstone, 2005.