

AC-2-12: POSITION: TERMINOLOGY FOR CLINICAL EDUCATION EXPERIENCES (ATTACHMENT 7)

Required for Adoption: Majority Vote

FINAL - POSTPONED DEFINITELY UNTIL OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING NEXT YEAR

ORIGINAL

That the following be adopted: Terminology for Clinical Education Experiences

Clinical education experiences: That aspect of the curriculum in which students' learning occurs directly as a function of being immersed within physical therapy practice. These experiences comprise all of the formal and practical "real-life" learning experiences provided for students to apply classroom knowledge, skills, and professional behaviors in the clinical environment. These experiences include comprehensive care of patients/clients across the lifespan and practice settings.

The following standardized language is used to describe these clinical education experiences.

Integrated Clinical Experience

A clinical learning experience that occurs in an integrated fashion concurrently with didactic course work in which student physical therapists are learning in clinical environments

Full-Time Clinical Experience

A clinical learning experience that is from six to twelve weeks in length in which student physical therapists are learning in clinical environments. Students will return to further didactic learning experiences following completion of this clinical experience.

Clinical Internship

The extended full-time clinical education experience(s) typically following the completion of the didactic coursework for the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. The clinical internship(s), in total, is from three months to twelve months in length. The clinical internship may extend beyond graduation and continue as a post-licensure experience as part of the preparation of Doctors of Physical Therapy.

PASSED (Quillen)

V-5 To postpone definitely the clinical education terminology definitions until next year so that formal collaboration on this motion may occur with the APTA Education Section Clinical Education Special Interest Group.

Support statement: So that all clinical education variables may be considered in these clinical education definitions with the stakeholders that do this work daily with 30-35%

of the curriculum and formal collaborations may occur with the Academic Council and Education Sections Clinical Education Special Interest Group.