



# Wayne County Community College District

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### PTT 104 Physical Therapy Law and Ethics

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**CREDIT HOURS:** 3.00

**CONTACT HOURS:** 45.00

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course gives an introduction to the legal and ethical concepts that guide the practice of physical therapy. Students are introduced to HIPAA privacy and confidentiality regulations, Patient Bill of Rights, right of refusal, informed consent, and professional boundaries. The importance of professional appearance and communication, cultural diversity, and the team approach to health care are emphasized. The Realm-Individual Process-Situation (RIPS) Model of Ethical Decision-Making and Active Engagement Model are used to present and discuss case scenarios. 45 hours of lecture are required.

**PREREQUISITES:** Reserved for PTT majors

#### **EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:**

*Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:*

- Describe legal and ethical considerations for the field of physical therapy
- Describe the medical-legal aspects of professional ethics as they relate to physical therapy by:
  - a. identifying the regulations that govern the practice of physical therapy in Michigan and other states.
  - b. Describing the APTA's Code of Ethics and Guides for Professional Conduct.
  - c. Summarizing personal responsibilities while providing physical therapy services.
- Summarize the historical overview of the development of ethics knowledge in Physical Therapy.
- Recognize the RIPS Model and Active Engagement Model for ethical decision making in case studies.

#### **ASSESSMENT METHODS:**

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, and oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

#### **GRADING SCALE:**

90%-100% = A  
80%-89.9% = B  
70%-79.9% = C  
60%-69.9% = D  
<60% = E