

**Mercer County Community College
Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Clinical Instructor Survey**

Information from this brief survey assists us in assessing clinical education experiences, identifying trends, and responding to the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. Please complete this form and return it with the student performance evaluation. Thank you.

Clinical Instructor Data:

Name:	
Date:	
Clinical Facility:	
Number of years in clinical practice:	
Number of years as a clinical instructor:	
Number of PT and PTA students supervised within the last 12 months:	

Clinical Instructor Educational Profile:

Highest Degree Earned (please circle)	AAS, BS, entry level MS, postprofessional MS, DPT, DScPT, PhD, EdD, Other:_____	
Are you an APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor?	Yes / No	
Do you have ABPT Specialty Certification?	Yes / No	If yes, list area:
Have you earned other advanced certification?	Yes / No	If yes, list area:

Professional Activities:

Please indicate which of the following you have been active in within the last 3 years.

- Teaching (inservices, continuing education courses, community wellness/prevention)
 Topic(s): _____
- Research. Area: _____
- Attendance at district/state/national meetings

Educational Activities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Education Courses | <input type="checkbox"/> I-services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Case Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Literature Reviews | <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ |

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Feedback for ACCE:

1. Is the communication with the ACCE and PTA Program at Mercer County Community College sufficient?
_____yes _____no

2. Is the communication with the ACCE and PTA Program at Mercer County Community College effective?
_____yes _____no

3. Did the student packet(s) sent prior to this clinical affiliation contain adequate and appropriate information to fulfill the role of Clinical Instructor effectively?
_____yes _____no

4. Did the ACCE provide sufficient and appropriate support for any questions/concerns prior to and during this clinical affiliation?
_____yes _____no _____n/a

5. Are you aware of FERPA (Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act) and how it pertains to clinical education?
_____yes _____no

6. Would you like additional information pertaining to FERPA?
_____yes _____no

The Collaborative Model of Clinical Education

The goal of clinical education is to develop competent, entry-level, general physical therapist assistants. Many clinical sites use a 1:1 clinical education model, where one student is paired with one primary Clinical Instructor. Recently, the collaborative model of clinical education has received more attention in the professional literature and in clinical education experiences. The collaborative model, where 2 students are supervised and educated by one primary Clinical Instructor (2:1), has been used historically within the Mayo Clinic’s Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Physical Therapy. The PTA Program at Mercer is asking you to consider using the collaborative model in the face of challenges being placed on clinical education today. These challenges include an increase in the number of entry-level PTA programs, a need for variety in clinical experiences for students, and third party payer restrictions on student services.

The benefits of the Collaborative Model of Clinical Education include peer learning, peer support, peer discussion; Teamwork skills; Improved productivity and cost benefits; Improved clinical competence; Independent learning; Improved self-confidence; Increased learning opportunities and exposure to new ideas; Facilitation of reflective learning, deeper learning, critical thinking and problem-solving skills; Increased opportunities for Clinical Instructor skill development; Increased clinical placement opportunities; and Improved student supervision.

A Collaborative Model brochure was included with the student information packet.

YES	NO	I would like for the ACCE to contact me to discuss the possibility of piloting the Collaborative Model of Clinical Education at my facility.
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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FEEDBACK. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO IMPROVE THE CLINICAL EDUCATION PORTION OF THE PTA PROGRAM!!