



COURSE OUTLINE: OPA211 - PRO. TOPICS IN REHAB

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Course Code: Title	OPA211: PROFESSIONAL TOPICS IN REHABILITATION
Program Number: Name	3022: OCCUP/PHYSIO/ASSIST
Department:	OTA/PTA ASSISTANT
Academic Year:	2025-2026
Course Description:	The purpose of this course is to enhance awareness and development of professionalism to prepare for competent entry into the field of rehabilitation. The course reviews professional topics within the context of past and present fieldwork experiences. The students will be expected to provide evidence and demonstrate professional behaviours such as dependability, accountability, initiative and organization. Professional issues such as the scope of practice, the use of title (OTA/PTA) and the role of the professional colleges and associations will be reviewed. In addition, the student will demonstrate and reflect on the importance of ethical standards and how individual and professional ethics impact professional behaviours and clinical reasoning skills. Resources and skills required for successful entry into the workplace will be explored, including effective cover letter and resume writing and interviewing skills.
Total Credits:	1
Hours/Week:	1
Total Hours:	14
Prerequisites:	OPA203, OPA204, OPA214, OPA217, OPA219
Corequisites:	There are no co-requisites for this course.
Vocational Learning Outcomes (VLO's) addressed in this course:	3022 - OCCUP/PHYSIO/ASSIST
Please refer to program web page for a complete listing of program outcomes where applicable.	VLO 1 Communicate appropriately and effectively, through verbal, nonverbal, written and electronic means, with clients, their significant others, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, and members of the interdisciplinary health care team and others.
	VLO 2 Participate in the effective functioning of interdisciplinary health care teams to optimize client physical and occupational functions.
	VLO 3 Establish, develop, maintain, and conclude client-centred, therapeutic relationships.
	VLO 5 Practice in a legal, ethical, and professional manner within the role of a therapist assistant.
	VLO 7 Engage in reflective practice and ongoing professional development activities to maintain and enhance competence.
Essential Employability Skills (EES) addressed in this course:	EES 1 Communicate clearly, concisely and correctly in the written, spoken, and visual form that fulfills the purpose and meets the needs of the audience.
	EES 2 Respond to written, spoken, or visual messages in a manner that ensures effective communication.
	EES 5 Use a variety of thinking skills to anticipate and solve problems.
	EES 6 Locate, select, organize, and document information using appropriate technology



- and information systems.
- EES 7 Analyze, evaluate, and apply relevant information from a variety of sources.
- EES 8 Show respect for the diverse opinions, values, belief systems, and contributions of others.
- EES 9 Interact with others in groups or teams that contribute to effective working relationships and the achievement of goals.
- EES 10 Manage the use of time and other resources to complete projects.
- EES 11 Take responsibility for ones own actions, decisions, and consequences.

Course Evaluation:

Passing Grade: 60%, C

A minimum program GPA of 2.0 or higher where program specific standards exist is required for graduation.

Books and Required Resources:

Resource materials provided by the professor.

Course Outcomes and Learning Objectives:

Course Outcome 1	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 1
1. Attain effective employment seeking skills	1.1 Compose an effective cover letter 1.2 Construct an effective and current resume 1.3 Describe how to successfully prepare for an interview 1.4 Execute and evaluate answers to interview questions 1.5 Demonstrate a professional image during an interview
Course Outcome 2	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 2
2. Exemplify knowledge, skills and attitudes of an entry level OTA/PTA	2.1 Evaluate the importance of first impressions 2.2 Describe examples of professional behaviour, including dependability, accountability, initiative and organization 2.3 Differentiate between different examples of professionalism
Course Outcome 3	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 3
3. Examine ethical assignment of duties to the OTA/PTA	3.1 Describe the use of the title OTA/PTA 3.2 Explain the five factors of ethical assignment 3.3 Provide examples of how competence of the OTA/PTA is determined 3.4 Appraise levels of supervision
Course Outcome 4	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 4
4. Examine ethical behaviours with clients and team members	4.1 Interpret the Ethics Standards for the professions of OT and PT 4.2 Identify ethical dilemmas in the workplace 4.3 Describe methods to examine and resolve ethical dilemmas
Course Outcome 5	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 5
5. Illustrate development of clinical reasoning skills	5.1 Describe and give examples of different types of reasoning 5.2 Appraise the level of development of one's own clinical reasoning skills 5.3 Evaluate how both professional and personal ethics influences clinical reasoning



Evaluation Process and Grading System:

Evaluation Type	Evaluation Weight
Discussion Assignments	40%
In Class Assignments	40%
Quizzes/Self-Assessments/Reflections	20%

Date:

December 15, 2025

Addendum:

Please refer to the course outline addendum on the Learning Management System for further information.

