



**I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The purpose of this course is to prepare the student for their initial fieldwork experience and to support them during the placement. The students will be provided the opportunity to share and discuss their experiences with classmates. The students will gain further insight into placements other than their own as well as into issues that affect all placements.

**II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:**

In general, this course addresses Vocational Learning Outcomes (cross-referenced with the Program Standards) in: communication skills (1, 2, 3, 6, 8P, 8O), interpersonal skills (1, 2, 3, 7), safety (1, 2, 4, 8P, 8O), professional competence (1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8P, 8O), documentation skills (1, 4, 5, 6), and application skills (1, 2, 4, 6, 8P, 8O). It addresses all of the Generic Skills Learning Outcomes with the exception of mathematical skills (4).

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of and use therapeutic communication skills.  
Potential Elements of the Performance:
  - Describe observations and interactions with clinical cases using appropriate terminology and communication skills
2. Demonstrate knowledge of and apply professional behaviours expected of an OTA/PTA.  
Potential Elements of the Performance:
  - Describe professional behaviours expected of the student during observational placements
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the role of an OTA/PTA student recognizing own limitations and reporting to the appropriate personnel.  
Potential Elements of the Performance:
  - Describe clinical cases observed and the potential role of the OTA/PTA student in each particular situation
4. Demonstrate knowledge of and use appropriate medical terminology.  
Potential Elements of the Performance:
  - Describe observations and interactions with clinical cases using appropriate medical terminology

5. Demonstrate the application of knowledge related to human anatomy, biology, and physiology.  
Potential Elements of the Performance:
  - Describe clinical cases applying appropriate anatomy, biology and physiology and associated pathophysiology
  - List and describe impairments of the cases presented and the role of OT/PT in each
6. Demonstrate respect for clients and other health care providers.  
Potential Elements of the Performance:
  - Describe observations and interactions with other care providers during the placement and identify respective encounters
7. Apply and adhere to the concept of confidentiality, related to client's and facility/agency occurrences.  
Potential Elements of the Performance:
  - Provide examples of the rule of confidentiality in effect during the placement
  - Apply the rule of confidentiality when presenting case studies from placement
8. Demonstrate an understanding of the Health Care System from one agency's perspective.  
Potential Elements of the Performance:
  - Outline and explain the relationship of one agency with the Health Care System – type of facility, type of services offered, funding of services offered, current funding or legislative issues related to the agency

### III. TOPICS:

1. Communication Skills
2. Professional Behaviours
3. Role of the OTA/PTA Student
4. Terminology
5. Relationships with other Care Providers
6. Confidentiality
7. Health Care System and relationship with one Agency
8. Self-Directed Learning

### IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

To be provided by instructor.

## V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

**Students in the OTA/PTA program must achieve a Satisfactory standing in this course as partial fulfillment of the OTA/PTA diploma.**

1. Course Evaluation will be based on Satisfactory completion of:
  - Portfolio assignments (S/U)
  - Learning Activities (S/U)
  - Fieldwork Evaluation (S/U)
  - Log Book (S/U)
2. All tests/exams are the property of Sault College.
3. Students missing any of the tests or exams because of illness or other serious reason must notify the professor **BEFORE** the test or exam. The professor reserves the right to request documents to support the student's request.
4. Those students who have notified the professor of their absence that day will be eligible to arrange an opportunity as soon as possible to write the test or exam at another time. Those students who **DO NOT NOTIFY** the professor will receive a zero for that test or exam.
5. For assignments to be handed in, the policies of the program will be followed.  
For assignments not handed in by the due date, the mark received will be zero. Extensions will be granted if requested in writing at least 24 hours before the due date. There will be a deduction of one percent per day for every school day late with the permission of an extension. This means that if you requested an extension for 5 school days (1 week), 5 percentage points will be deducted from the final grade.

The following semester grades will be assigned to students:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grade Point Equivalent</u>
A+	90 – 100%	
A	80 – 89%	4.00
B	70 - 79%	3.00
C	60 - 69%	2.00
D	50 – 59%	1.00
F (Fail)	49% and below	0.00
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field /clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field/clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	

X	A temporary grade limited to situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course.
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office.
W	Student has withdrawn from the course without academic penalty.

**Note:** For such reasons as program certification or program articulation, certain courses require minimums of greater than 50% and/or have mandatory components to achieve a passing grade.

It is also important to note, that the minimum overall GPA required in order to graduate from a Sault College program remains 2.0.

***Mid Term grades are provided in theory classes and clinical/field placement experiences. Students are notified that the midterm grade is an interim grade and is subject to change.***

## VI. SPECIAL NOTES:

### Course Outline Amendments:

The professor reserves the right to change the information contained in this course outline depending on the needs of the learner and the availability of resources.

### Retention of Course Outlines:

It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other postsecondary institutions.

### Prior Learning Assessment:

Students who wish to apply for advance credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain an Application for Advance Credit from the program coordinator (or the course coordinator regarding a general education transfer request) or academic assistant. Students will be required to provide an unofficial transcript and course outline related to the course in question. Please refer to the Student Academic Calendar of Events for the deadline date by which application must be made for advance standing.

Credit for prior learning will also be given upon successful completion of a challenge exam or portfolio.

Substitute course information is available in the Registrar's office.

### Disability Services:

If you are a student with a disability (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, or learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with your professor and/or the Disability Services office. Visit Room E1101 or call Extension 2703 so that support services can be arranged for you.

Communication:

The College considers **WebCT/LMS** as the primary channel of communication for each course. Regularly checking this software platform is critical as it will keep you directly connected with faculty and current course information. Success in this course may be directly related to your willingness to take advantage of the **Learning Management System** communication tool.

Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of “academic dishonesty” in *Student Code of Conduct*. A professor/instructor may assign a sanction as defined below, or make recommendations to the Academic Chair for disposition of the matter. The professor/instructor may:

- (i) issue a verbal reprimand,
- (ii) make an assignment of a lower grade with explanation,
- (iii) require additional academic assignments and issue a lower grade upon completion to the maximum grade “C”,
- (iv) make an automatic assignment of a failing grade,
- (v) recommend to the Chair dismissal from the course with the assignment of a failing grade.

In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced, and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

Student Portal:

The Sault College portal allows you to view all your student information in one place. **mysaultcollege** gives you personalized access to online resources seven days a week from your home or school computer. Single log-in access allows you to see your personal and financial information, timetable, grades, records of achievement, unofficial transcript, and outstanding obligations. Announcements, news, the academic calendar of events, class cancellations, your learning management system (LMS), and much more are also accessible through the student portal. Go to <https://my.saultcollege.ca>.

Electronic Devices in the Classroom:

Students who wish to use electronic devices in the classroom will seek permission of the faculty member before proceeding to record instruction. With the exception of issues related to accommodations of disability, the decision to approve or refuse the request is the responsibility of the faculty member. Recorded classroom instruction will be used only for personal use and will not be used for any other purpose. Recorded classroom instruction will be destroyed at the end of the course. To ensure this, the student is required to return all copies of recorded material to the faculty member by the last day of class in the semester. Where the use of an electronic device has been approved, the student agrees that materials recorded are for his/her use only, are not for distribution, and are the sole property of the College.

Attendance:

Sault College is committed to student success. There is a direct correlation between academic performance and class attendance; therefore, for the benefit of all its constituents, all students are encouraged to attend all of their scheduled learning and evaluation sessions. This implies arriving on time and remaining for the duration of the scheduled session.

Tuition Default:

Students who have defaulted on the payment of tuition (tuition has not been paid in full, payments were not deferred or payment plan not honoured) as of the first week of *November for fall courses, March for winter courses, or June for summer courses* will be removed from placement and clinical activities. This may result in loss of mandatory hours or incomplete course work. Sault College will not be responsible for incomplete hours or outcomes that are not achieved or any other academic requirement not met as of the result of tuition default. Students are encouraged to communicate with Financial Services with regard to the status of their tuition prior to this deadline to ensure that their financial status does not interfere with academic progress.