

PHYT 8918 - Professional Issues

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Course Description

8918. Professional Issues. Discussion of professional topics related to entry-level practice, such as leadership, interagency and interprofessional collaboration, future trends and technologies, and opportunities for professional growth. Two hour lecture 2 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Leadership is a Relationship: How to put people first in the digital world	Irwin Michael S, Devole Willys.	978-1119806134
Required	Professionalism in the Practice of Physical Therapy: A Case-Based Approach	Miller, Tonya Y, Brogan, Laurie. McGraw Hill	978-1264278633
Optional	Reframing medical education to support professional identity formation	Cruess, R. L., Cruess, S. R., Boudreau, J. D., Snell, L., & Steinert, Y. (2014).	https://doi.org/10.1097/ACM.0000000000000427
Optional	Crucial Conversations: Tools for talking when Stake are high	Genny, Joseph et al.	978-1260474183
Optional	Professional identity formation in allied health: A systematic review with narrative synthesis	Lewis, A., Jamieson, J., & Smith, C. A.	https://doi.org/10.1080/10401334.2023.2290608
Optional	Exploring professional identity in rehabilitation professions: A scoping review	Mak, S., Hunt, M., Boruff, J., et al.	https://doi.org/10.1007/s10459-022-10103-z
Optional	Perceptions of interprofessional identity formation in recent Doctor of Physical Therapy graduates: A phenomenological study	Plummer, L., & Naidoo, K.	https://doi.org/10.3390/educsci13070674
Optional	Preferred communication strategies used by physical therapists in chronic pain rehabilitation: A qualitative systematic review and meta#synthesis	Chapman, C. R., Woo, N. T., & Maluf, K. S.	https://doi.org/10.1093/ptj/pzac081

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.



Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Mon	8/24	Ch. 1: Introduction to Professionalism Professionalism in the Practice of Physical Therapy (Miller & Brogan, McGraw Hill, 2024)	Syllabus review and course introduction; Reflective practice and self-awareness	
Mon	8/31	Ch. 2: Professionalism in Physical Therapy Book: Professionalism in the Practice of Physical Therapy: A Case-Based Approach. Miller, Tonya Y, Brogan, Laurie. McGraw Hill; 2024 https://rdcu.be/d3Vxu https://www.mdpi.com/2370054 https://doi.org/10.1080/10401334.2023.2290608 https://www.sap2.org.ar/i2/archivos/2112.pdf	Professional Identity Formation	
Mon	9/7	NO CLASS LABOR DAY		
Mon	9/14	Ch. 3: Professionalism: A Working Model Book: Professionalism in the Practice of Physical Therapy: A Case-Based Approach. Miller, Tonya Y, Brogan, Laurie. McGraw Hill; 2024 Book: Leadership is a Relationship (Irwin, Devoll)	Leadership series explanation; Specialization in PT: Residency & Fellowship	Draft resume due
Mon	9/21	Ch. 12: Professional Development Plan (introduction) Book: Professionalism in the Practice of Physical Therapy: A Case-Based Approach. Miller, Tonya Y, Brogan, Laurie. McGraw Hill; 2024	Career Planning, Resume writing, Cover letters	Prep work: Bring your draft resume to class Review: ACAPT career planning portal (https://jobs.acapt.org/career-advice/resumes-cover-letters)
Mon	9/28	Prepare financial questions for guest speaker	Financial Planning: Jeff Davies (Moors and Cabot)	
Mon	10/5	Ch. 7: Accountability Book: Professionalism in the Practice of Physical Therapy: A Case-Based Approach. Miller, Tonya Y, Brogan, Laurie. McGraw Hill; 2024 https://www.apta.org/apta-magazine/2021/10/01/leadership-business-skills	Leadership series: Accountability; Building professional networks	Reflective essay due
Mon	10/12	Ch. 5: Emotional Intelligence Book: Professionalism in the Practice of Physical Therapy: A Case-Based Approach. Miller, Tonya Y, Brogan, Laurie. McGraw Hill; 2024	Leadership series: Emotional Intelligence; Hot topic discussion: Professional relationships	
Mon	10/19	Mid term examination: Content to date		
Mon	10/26	Ch. 6: Resilience and Grit Book: Professionalism in the Practice of Physical Therapy: A Case-Based Approach. Miller, Tonya Y, Brogan, Laurie. McGraw Hill; 2024	Leadership series: Resilience; Hot topic discussion: Communication challenges	
Mon	11/2	Ch. 4: Communication Book: Professionalism in the Practice of Physical Therapy: A Case-Based Approach. Miller, Tonya Y, Brogan, Laurie. McGraw Hill; 2024 https://www.novaumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/CrucialConversationsSummaryAndWorkbook https://doi.org/10.1093/ptj/pzac081	Leadership series: Trust; Crucial conversations elements	



Mon	11/9	Ch. 9: Social Responsibility Book: Professionalism in the Practice of Physical Therapy: A Case-Based Approach. Miller, Tonya Y, Brogan, Laurie. McGraw Hill; 2024	Leadership series: Coalition building; AI and gamification in PT; Social Responsibility	Professional Development Plan due
Mon	11/16	Ch. 8: Cultural Quotient: Cultural Competence and Cultural Intelligence Book: Professionalism in the Practice of Physical Therapy: A Case-Based Approach. Miller, Tonya Y, Brogan, Laurie. McGraw Hill; 2024	Leadership series: Cultural Intelligence; Hot topic discussion	
Mon	11/23	Ch. 11: Mentorship and Professional Development Book: Professionalism in the Practice of Physical Therapy: A Case-Based Approach. Miller, Tonya Y, Brogan, Laurie. McGraw Hill; 2024	Leadership series: Loyalty; Interview strategies; Job selection	
Mon	11/30	Leadership series: Stability; Transition to practice: First year survival skills; NPTE prep and licensure	Leadership series: Stability; Transition to practice: First year survival skills; NPTE prep and licensure	
Mon	12/7	Cumulative Final examination	Cumulative: Ch. 1–12 (All Parts) Book: Professionalism in the Practice of Physical Therapy: A Case-Based Approach. Miller, Tonya Y, Brogan, Laurie. McGraw Hill; 2024	

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