

III. Summary of Requested Changes

- The Physical Therapy program faculty ^{desire} want to change their course sequencing for their curriculum
- The Physical Therapy program faculty want ^{to} add two courses to the list of courses that will satisfy the College's Computer Proficiency Requirements.
 - PTA 1213, Pain Management and Massage
 - PTA 2113, Systems/Problems in Physical Therapy.
- The preceding two changes will result in the revision of course prerequisites and co-requisites and the computer proficiency requirement change for two courses.

Rationale for Modification 1:

- A. Overall rationale for the change(s). Description of any change in degree or certificate requirements.

As a result of the PTA Self Study and Accreditation Visit that occurred in the spring of 2008, it was determined that by re-sequencing our current course delivery, the PTA students will be better equipped to progress to the first clinical practicum experience, PTA 1312, Initial Practicum, which occurs during the summer semester between the first and second year in the program.

Currently PTA 1213, Pain Management and Massage, is offered in the spring semester of the first year and PTA 2014, Electrotherapy and Modalities, a continuation of the Pain Management course, is offered in the fall semester of the second year in the program. PTA 1213, Pain Management and Massage is a prerequisite for PTA 2014, Electrotherapy and Modalities.

The faculty believe that a new sequencing will allow the students to be more prepared/educated in the clinical practice skills before they have their first clinical practicum, allowing them to put this knowledge into practice immediately. The core faculty and adjuncts support this change and presented it to the PTA Advisory Committee during the fall 2008 meeting on 9/25/2008. The change in curriculum sequence was approved by the PTA Advisory Committee without opposition. *Please see the request for change in course offerings form for the prerequisites and corequisites and the Educational Program Form. Both are found at the end of this document.

- B. Description of each course change.

First Year in PTA Program (PTA courses only)

Fall Semester: (current)

PTA 1013 Introduction to Physical Therapy
PTA 1023 Dynamic Human Motion
PTA 1112 Pathology for Physical Therapy

Fall Semester: (proposed)

PTA 1013 Introduction to Physical Therapy
PTA 1023 Dynamic Human Motion

PTA 1213 Pain Management and Massage

Spring Semester: (current)

PTA 1213 Pain Management and Massage

PTA 1224 Therapeutic Exercise I

PTA 1202 Development/Conditions across the Lifespan

Spring Semester: (proposed)

PTA 1112 Pathology for Physical Therapy Rehabilitation

PTA 1224 Therapeutic Exercise I

PTA 2014 Electrotherapy and Modalities

Second Year in the PTA Program (PTA courses only)

Fall Semester: (current)

PTA 2014 Electrotherapy and Modalities

PTA 2024 Therapeutic Exercise II

PTA 2113 Systems/Problems in Physical Therapy

Fall Semester: (proposed)

PTA 1202 Development/Conditions across the Lifespan

PTA 2024 Therapeutic Exercise II

PTA 2113 Systems/Problems in Physical Therapy

See Educational Program Form (for proposed sequence) and Request for change in course offerings form (for prerequisites and corequisites)

See Appendix A for PTA faculty meeting minutes and advisory committee minutes supporting the change in curriculum sequence.

V. Rationale for Modification 2:

In the past it was not requested that any PTA course be listed as meeting the College Computer Proficiency Requirement. Based on changes in assignments and course requirements we are requesting that successful completion of the following courses meet this requirement. The courses that include objectives and assignments relating to computer competency are as follows: PTA 1213, Pain Management and Massage, and PTA 2113, Systems/Problems in Physical Therapy. Each of these courses has at least one assignment that uses word processing functions and/or multimedia through Power Point or use of video clips. According to the 2008 College Catalog, all OCCC associate degree graduates will demonstrate competency in the use of a computer to perform one or more of the following functions: word processing, spreadsheet use, database management, multimedia/graphic design and programming. For course content see Appendix B.

VI. Rationale for Modification 3:

BIO 1414, Human Anatomy and Physiology II, has not been formally approved as to require a student to have a grade of “C” or better by the curriculum committee. It is the PTA Program Faculty’s position that all of the PTA and BIO classes should require a grade of “C” or better as a program requirement

Page 148 of the current OCCC College Catalog, the PTA program curriculum pattern, indicates students must achieve a grade of C or better in BIO 1414, Human Anatomy and Physiology II.