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Course Information

Course Description
Students will extend their knowledge of the structure and function of the central and peripheral nervous systems and apply the knowledge within the context of altered structures and function of the nervous system in various neuropathologies common to physical therapy practice. Medical management of neuropathologies will be discussed.

Course Credits
32 lecture hours (2-0-0)

Prerequisite and Co-requisite Courses
Successful completion of previous DPT coursework.

Prerequisite Skills
Understanding of neuroanatomy and proficiency with a computer as required for completing projects/assignments are expectations of the Neuropathology I course.

Program Outcomes
Upon completion of the program of study for the Department of Physical Therapy, the graduate will be prepared to: successfully select and implement appropriate actions to safely and
effectively manage the day-to-day tasks of a physical therapist utilizing current concepts for patient management.

Student Learning Outcomes

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** At the end of this course, the students will have demonstrated mastery of the subject by being able to:

1. Identify the functions of the different regions and structures of the nervous system. 7A*
2. Compare the organization and cellular components of the cortical layers of different regions of the cerebral hemispheres and the cerebellar cortex in relation to the function of the different areas. 7A
3. Correlate the role of the major regions of the PNS to clinical signs and symptoms of pathology. 7C
4. Understand the purpose and recognize benefits of electrodiagnostic examination of the nervous system in relation to possible pathology and to aid in differential diagnosis.
5. Identify the major mechanisms of neuropathology and specific diseases/conditions to which they apply. 7A
6. Discuss the clinical symptoms of selected disorders of the nervous system in relation to the nature and control of movement. 7A
7. Recognize the role and limitations of diagnostic tests including the neurologic exam for specific pathologies/disorders.
8. For each pathology/condition covered, summarize the associated impairments and possible activity limitations and participation restrictions. 7C
9. Analyze the impact of pathological processes of common neurologic disorders on the person’s ability to participate in physical therapy. 7C
10. For each pathology/condition covered, characterize the natural course as it relates to the provision of physical therapy services. 7C
11. For each pathology/condition covered, identify relevant complications and precautions. 7C
12. Apply the above information to basic and engaging patient education.
13. Apply the above information to cases.

*CAPTE criteria addressed in this course

Course Delivery

This is a face-to-face course with learning resources and supplemental materials posted in Blackboard. A variety of teaching methods and learning activities will be utilized in the course.
including lecture, discussion, AV material, reading assignments, and case studies. However, dependent on university decisions, portions of this course may be online. In that event, the course will be delivered via the Blackboard Learning Management System and may be accessed at ASU’s Blackboard Learning Management System.

**Required Texts and Materials**


**Recommended Texts and Materials**


**Technology Requirements**

To successfully complete this course, students will need a laptop or tablet with the following programs updated.

- Respondus Lockdown Browser and Monitor (which requires a webcam)
- Blackboard Collaborate (which requires a webcam)

Dependent on university decisions, portions of this course may be online. To participate in one of ASU’s distance education programs, you need this technology:

- A computer capable of running Windows 7 or later, or Mac OSX 10.8 or later
- The latest version of one of these web browsers: internet Explorer, Firefox, or Safari
- Microsoft Office Suite or a compatible Open Office Suite
- Adobe Acrobat Reader
- High Speed Internet Access
- Ethernet adapter cable required (wireless connections can drop during tests and Collaborate sessions)
- Webcam
Refer to Angelo State University’s Distance Education website for further technology requirements: Angelo State University’s Distance Education Website

**Topic Outline**

See course schedule below.

**Communication**

Faculty will respond to email and/or telephone messages within 24 hours during working hours Monday through Friday. Weekend messages may not be returned until Monday.

Office hours are by appointment only but are encouraged if needed. Please contact faculty via email or in person to set up an appointment.

**Written communication via email:** Notifications, announcements, etc. will be communicated exclusively through your ASU email address and/or Blackboard. Check frequently for announcements and policy changes. In your emails to faculty, include the course name and section number in your subject line.

**Virtual communication:** Office hours and/or advising may be done with the assistance of the telephone, Collaborate, Skype, etc.

**Grading**

**Evaluation and Grades**

Course grades will be determined as indicated in the table below.

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**Grading System**

Course grades will be dependent upon completing course requirements and meeting the student learning outcomes.
The following grading scale is in use for this course:

- A = 90.00-100 points
- B = 80.00-89.99 points
- C = 70.00-79.99 points (DOES NOT MEET MASTERY)
- F = <70.00

Quizzes will be administered in class. The written exam in PT 7224 is comprehensive and will be computer administered during class time. Students are expected to take the quizzes and exam at the scheduled times. Make-up quizzes and exams are at the discretion of the instructor. **Mastery on each quiz and exam is not required but the student must achieve a minimal competency level of 80% by the end of the semester. No retakes of quizzes or exams will be given.**

Failure to achieve a minimal competency level of 80% after the completion of the three quizzes will result in the initiation of an Academic Probation Tracking Form and related actions including notification of your advisor and of the Academic Committee. Failure to achieve a minimal competency level of 80% by the end of the semester will result in Academic Probation and the forwarding of the student records to the Academic Committee for consideration of options including possible Program dismissal.

**Teaching Strategies**

Students are expected to be “active learners.” It is a basic assumption of the instructor that students will be involved (beyond the materials and lectures presented in the course) discovering, processing, and applying the course information using peer-review journal articles, researching additional information and examples on the Internet, and discussing course material and clinical experiences with their peers.

**Assignment and Activity Descriptions**

*Please note: Rubrics for all assignments and activities are located at the end of this syllabus.*

**Education Videos:** There are two education videos assigned for this class. These assignments are designed to assess student understanding of the subject material while helping students synthesize and apply neuroanatomy and neuropathology information learned during the semester. The assignments will require processing information and subsequently explaining that information in a way that would be accessible to people of various backgrounds, as is an integral part of the physical therapy profession. Students will choose a topic or diagnosis
discussed in class, will come up with a relevant question that a patient may ask, and will briefly present that information as though answering and educating the patient (as the SPT or PT would during a PT evaluation or treatment session).

**Assignment Submission**
All assignments MUST be submitted through the Assignments link in the Blackboard site. This is for grading, documenting, and archiving purposes. Issues with technology use arise from time to time. If a technology issue does occur regarding an assignment submission, email me at laura.wilson@angelo.edu and attach a copy of what you are trying to submit. Please contact the IT Service Center at (325) 942-2911 or go to your Technology Support tab to report the issue. This lets your faculty know you completed the assignment on time and are just having problems with the online submission feature in Blackboard. Once the problem is resolved, submit your assignment through the appropriate link. This process will document the problem and establish a timeline. Be sure to keep a backup of all work.

**Late Work or Missed Assignments Policy**
Assignment due dates are shown on the calendar/schedule or posted within Blackboard. Late assignments are not accepted without prior approval of faculty. When accepted with prior approval, late work will result in a five percent deduction for each day after the posted deadline. No papers or postings will be accepted more than one week past the assigned due date.

**General Policies Related to This Course**
All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:

- [Angelo State University Student Handbook](#)¹
- [Angelo State University Catalog](#)²

**Student Responsibility and Attendance**
Attendance and promptness to classes, meetings, and future work obligations are considered professional behaviors. As this department is preparing potential professionals in the area of physical therapy, it is part of our expectation that student presence and timeliness will be held in highest regard. Tardiness is a disruption to the instructor and fellow students. A student is considered tardy if he/she arrives for class after the instructor has begun class activities. Please see the following related to implications from excessive lateness or absences without a reasonable excuse:

a. First offense - verbal warning
b. Second offense - second verbal warning, initiation of Disciplinary Tracking Form.
c. Third offense - 1% off final course grade

d. 1% off final course grade for each additional unexcused tardy or absence

Per the student handbook, **2 or more occurrences combined or mixed will result in the initiation of a Disciplinary Tracking Form.**

If a student has an unexcused absence during integrations it may lead to the removal of that student from that clinical environment. It is the responsibility of the student to contact the clinical site and give notice if they are ill or have transportation issues.

If the student is unable to attend class, it is the student’s responsibility to either call the PT office at 942-2545 or the office of the professor of the class directly. This notification should be made prior to commencement of said class.

Continued issues with tardiness/attendance across all courses will result in disciplinary probation and will be referred to the PT faculty for consideration of options, including program dismissal.

The PT faculty is not oblivious to doctor appointments and other potential hazards and emergencies in daily life. Simply taking responsibility to notify the office or the professor if issues arise is considered professional behavior. Please do not rely on a classmate or other form of notification, as these have proven unreliable in years past.

**ATTENDANCE AT ALL SCHEDULED EXAMINATIONS IS MANDATORY.** Any unexcused absence from an examination will automatically result in a score of ZERO for that examination. Any student absent from examinations due to illness or injury must have a written justification from their physician. **Absence from an examination for any other reason must be excused before the time of the scheduled examination** or brought about by a very serious circumstance. For excused absences only, make-up examinations must be taken no later than one week after the student returns to class. Extended absences must be approved by the Program Director of Physical Therapy.

**Academic Integrity**

Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.
The College of Health and Human Services adheres to the university’s Statement of Academic Integrity.³

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.

Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website.⁴ The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is:

Dallas Swafford
Director of Student Disability Services
Office of Student Affairs
325-942-2047
dallas.swafford@angelo.edu
Houston Harte University Center, Room 112

Incomplete Grade Policy
It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 Grading Procedures⁵ for more information.

Plagiarism
Plagiarism is a serious topic covered in ASU’s Academic Integrity policy⁶ in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else’s work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one’s own. Plagiarism is literary theft.
In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word-for-word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list.

Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the ASU Writing Center.⁷

**Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Days**

A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day⁸ for more information.

**Copyright Policy**

Students officially enrolled in this course should make only one printed copy of the given articles and/or chapters. You are expressly prohibited from distributing or reproducing any portion of course readings in printed or electronic form without written permission from the copyright holders or publishers.

**Syllabus Changes**

The faculty member reserves the option to make changes as necessary to this syllabus and the course content. If changes become necessary during this course, the faculty will notify students of such changes by email, course announcements and/or via a discussion board announcement. It is the student’s responsibility to look for such communications about the course on a daily basis.

**Title IX at Angelo State University**

Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.
You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Boone, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

Online: [www.angelo.edu/incident-form](http://www.angelo.edu/incident-form)
Face to face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
Phone: 325-942-2022
Email: [michelle.boone@angelo.edu](mailto:michelle.boone@angelo.edu)

Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171).

For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State’s policy please visit: [www.angelo.edu/title-ix](http://www.angelo.edu/title-ix).

**Required Use of Masks/Facial Coverings by Students in Class at Angelo State University**

As a member of the Texas Tech University System, Angelo State University has adopted the mandatory Facial Covering Policy to ensure a safe and healthy classroom experience. Current research on the COVID-19 virus suggests there is a significant reduction in the potential for transmission of the virus from person to person by wearing a mask/facial covering that covers the nose and mouth areas. Therefore, in compliance with the university policy students in this class are required to wear a mask/facial covering before, during, and after class. Faculty members may also ask you to display your daily screening badge as a prerequisite to enter the classroom. You are also asked to maintain safe distancing practices to the best of your ability. For the safety of everyone, any student not appropriately wearing a mask/facial covering will be asked to leave the classroom immediately. The student will be responsible to make up any missed class content or work. Continued non-compliance with the Texas Tech University System Policy may result in disciplinary action through the Office of Student Conduct.
**Course Schedule**

**Note that schedule is subject to change based on progress and faculty discretion.**

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<td>Course Orientation, Intro to Neuropathology</td>
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<td>Cerebellum</td>
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<td>Basal Ganglia</td>
<td>Lundy-Ekman chapter 16 <strong>VIDEO 1 DUE 10/28 AT 5PM</strong></td>
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<td>Systems/Regions of Memory, Consciousness, and Intellect</td>
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<td>Systems/Regions of Behavior, Emotions, Decision-Making, and Personality</td>
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<td>November 5</td>
<td>Electrodiagnostic Testing</td>
<td>G&amp;F pg. 1665, Lundy-Ekman pg. 193-195, 209, 253-254, 337-338 <strong>VIDEO 2 DUE 11/7 AT 5PM</strong></td>
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<td>PNS Background &amp; Injury</td>
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<td>November 17</td>
<td>PNS Disorders: Infection/Inflammation</td>
<td>G&amp;F pg. 1687-1693</td>
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<td>PNS Disorders: Cancer Induced, Toxins, and Motor End Plate Disorders</td>
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Grading Rubrics

Education Video Rubric

**Question:** complexity and realistic question choice that a patient or family member may ask

___ 5: Complex question that patient/client may ask

___ 4: Moderate/average realistic question that patient/client may ask

___ 3: Simple question that patient/client may ask

___ 0: Unreasonable question or question that involves no complexity or understanding to answer *(redo required)*

**Content:** accurate and quality information that directly and fully answers the question

___ 10: Complete accuracy, fully answers question

___ 6: Complete accuracy but leaves “holes” in answer that would require follow up questions

___ 0: Answer is not accurate or does not answer the question *(redo required)*

**Understanding:** presents as being an expert and having a thorough understanding of the topic (confident, limited filler words (example: um, like, uh, you know?), not ending statements with the inflection of a question)

___ 5: Projects confidence, no use of filler words

___ 4: Shows moderate confidence OR use of 1-3 filler words

___ 3: Shows moderate confidence AND use of 1-3 filler words
### Clarity/accessibility: appropriate for educating people with 10th – 12th grade education

- **5:** Highly accessible and simple explanation: no use of words that someone with a 10th – 12th grade education wouldn’t understand or people without medical background wouldn’t understand

- **4:** Accessible explanation: includes 1-3 words that someone with a 10th – 12th grade education wouldn’t understand or people without medical background wouldn’t understand but the overall explanation would still probably be understood by either of the above

- **1:** Poorly accessible explanation: includes multiple words, phrases, comparisons, etc. that someone with a 10th – 12th grade education or without medical background would not understand causing the overall explanation would be ineffective in these populations, HOWEVER, the information is still correct and would be understood by people with higher education or people with medical backgrounds

- **0:** Inaccessible explanation: explanation that is unclear or doesn’t make sense to grading faculty (redo required)

### Efficiency: demonstrates ability to educate in limited time typically provided at end of an evaluation

- **5:** Answers the question in 2 minutes or less

- **4:** Answers the question in 3 minutes or less

- **0:** Takes more than 3 minutes to answer (redo required)

**TOTAL:** _____ out of 30

**PERCENTAGE GRADE:** _____%
Student Evaluation of Faculty and Course

Students in all programs are given the opportunity to evaluate their courses and the faculty who teach them. Evaluations are most helpful when they are honest, fair, constructive, and pertinent to the class, clinical experience, or course. Faculty value student evaluations, and use student suggestions in making modifications in courses, labs and clinical experiences. Angelo State University uses the IDEA (Individual Development and Educational Assessment) system administered through Kansas State University for all course evaluations. The Office of Institutional Research and Assessment administers IDEA for the entire university, online and has established a policy whereby students can complete course evaluations free from coercion.

End of Syllabus

1 https://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/
2 https://www.angelo.edu/catalogs/
3 https://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/community-policies/academic-integrity.php
4 https://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/
5 https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14197-op-1011-grading-procedures
6 https://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/community-policies/academic-integrity.php
7 https://www.angelo.edu/dept/writing_center/academic_honesty.php
8 https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14206-op-1019-student-absence-for-observance-of