

# Lake Area Technical Institute

## Physical Therapist Assistant Program

### Student Project/In-service

Students are required to complete either a formal evidence-based in-service and/or project of interest during each full-time clinical internship. The in-service/project should be relevant to the staff at the facility and a learning opportunity for the student. Students should expect to spend 10 – 20 hours on the project and should be presented to the clinical faculty/staff at the site. If possible, the student is encouraged do a collaborative project with another student from any discipline.

- A. In-service option: complete an evidenced-based educational presentation based on a clinical question from the internship, AND/OR
- B. Project option: complete an evidenced-based project for the site. This should be a site identified need and will result in a usable product.

**Topic and Format:** The topic should be a mutual decision between the student and the clinical instructor(s). It MUST be evidence-based. We highly suggest the topic and format be determined within the first 3 weeks of the internship with an outline and timeline ready to share with the CI(s) by midterm.

Examples from past projects/in-services include:

- Teach staff how to find literature online including setting up RSS feeds on clinical questions
- Synthesize literature on latest surgical updates, modalities or special tests
- Create a patient oriented bulletin board
- Create a poster for educational purposes
- Create a patient education video, booklet, brochure
- Research information on health issues related to different cultures within the community
- Develop an information packet regarding community services for individuals with specific diagnoses/conditions or patient populations
- Develop or modify educational information for different cultural groups or patient populations
- Update existing presentations or computerize a presentation
- Design new exercise programs or re-design old programs
- Create/modify/update the student information packet for the site
- Participate in a marketing project
- Participate in an administrative project or a portion of a project
- Develop a brochure on accessible public transportation for patients/clients
- Create a caregiver packet
- Participate in a screening program (community screening, injury screening for nurses and aides, fall prevention, etc.)
- Collection of best standardized outcome measures to be used with individuals with a specific diagnosis/condition