



Lake Area Technical College
Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program
Clinical Education Early Warning System (EWS)

The clinical instructor has the responsibility to continuously assess student performance and recognize when performance is at the correct level, above the expected level, or below the expected level. In the event that the clinical instructor determines that there is a problem, an early warning system will give the student an opportunity to improve.

1. The clinical instructor will identify problems that the student has using the Weekly Planning Form, which is on the following page, or whatever forms your clinic uses. This includes information reported by other staff.
2. The clinical instructor will describe the performance expectations as defined by the academic assessment tool or the expectations set by the clinic (defined in the Clinical Education Handbook).
3. The clinical instructor, in collaboration with the student, will define a solution for the performance issue.
4. The clinical instructor will set a timeline during which the student must improve.
5. The clinical instructor will notify the Center Coordinator of Clinical Education (CCCE) and program Coordinator of Clinical Education (CCE) that there is a problem, that the problem was discussed formally with the student, and that there is a process in place for the student to make the necessary improvements.
6. The clinical instructor, Center Coordinator of Clinical Education (CCCE), Coordinator of Clinical Education (CCE) and student will be involved in any contract negotiations and decision-making