

## PHTH 623 DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT

**Credits:** 4

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of all U3/qualifying year courses including Clinical Affiliation requirements

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**Course Description:**

This course is the third in a series of three where *more complex musculoskeletal conditions* will be addressed in order to provide students with higher level of Physical Therapy skills in patient evaluation and treatment.

The course will provide M1 students with the opportunity to build upon their previous musculoskeletal skills and to integrate assessment and treatment approaches with client care experiences gained from their clinical rotations.

The course will prepare the students for differential diagnosis in clinical setting.

**Course Structure:**

The course is made up of a combination of lectures, directed labs and clinical reasoning workshops (CRW) over 13 weeks.

Weekly:

Lecture: Monday 11h35 to 2h25 (2h25) (3h)

Lab & CRW: Tuesday 2h35 to 4h25 (2h)

Wednesday 8h05 to 11h55 (4h)

Open labs will be scheduled based on the availability of instructors & facilities as per students' request.

**Instructional Method**

The course focuses mainly on the assessment and treatment of more *complex orthopedic conditions* using manual therapy skills including peripheral manipulation of the ankle/foot, knee, wrist/hand & elbow.

The CRWs will focus on a case-based, client-centered approach following the SOAPIE format.

## Course Content

Professional and ethical as well as functional and psychosocial issues will be considered when assessing and treating patients in different age groups with different conditions/injuries.

The structure of the course is divided into four (4) modules as follows:

1. Module 1: Temporomandibular joint, headache and dizziness (3 weeks)
2. Module 2: Shoulder, cervical and thoracic spine (3 weeks)
3. Module 3: Peripheral nerve, elbow and wrist/hand (2 weeks)
4. Module 4: Lumbosacral spine, knee, ankle/foot and pelvic floor (5 weeks)

## Learning Outcomes

### General Learning outcomes:

Building on previously learned orthopaedic knowledge, the student will be able to assess and treat clients of different ages with *more complex conditions* affecting the musculoskeletal system.

### Specific learning outcomes:

Based on Competencies Profile for Physiotherapists in Canada.

Following attendance and active participation in lectures, labs, CRWs, the student will begin to demonstrate the following essential competencies for physical therapy practice, for a clientele with *more complex musculoskeletal conditions*. The student will also have progressed toward the following entry-to-practice milestones, in the context of the topics discussed in this course.

### Physiotherapy Expertise:

- Employ a client-centered approach.
  - Act in a manner that respects client uniqueness, diversity and autonomy, and is in the client's best interest.
  - Provide the client with relevant information throughout care.
  - Actively involve the client in decision-making.
  - Empower client to engage in his / her own care.
  - Build and maintain rapport and trust with the client.
  - Ensure ongoing, informed client consent.
- Ensure physical and emotional safety of client.
  - Identify client-specific precautions, contraindications and risks.
  - Employ safe client handling techniques.
  - Apply assessment and intervention procedures in a manner that enhances the client's safety and comfort.
  - Monitor and respond to client's physical and emotional state throughout care.
  - Identify and respond to near misses and adverse events.

- Conduct client assessment.
  - Interview client to obtain relevant information about health conditions, and personal and environmental factors.
  - Determine client's expectations, and their relevance to physiotherapy.
  - Obtain relevant information about client's status from other sources
  - Identify comorbidities that impact the approach to assessment.
  - Identify urgent health conditions that require immediate attention and take appropriate action.
  - Identify non-urgent health-related conditions that may benefit from referral to other services, and advise client accordingly.
  - Select and perform appropriate tests and measures.
- Establish a physiotherapy diagnosis and prognosis.
  - Interpret assessment findings and other relevant information.
  - Identify client's body structure and function impairments, activity limitations and participation restrictions.
  - Develop a physiotherapy diagnosis.
  - Develop a working prognosis.
  - Determine if physiotherapy is indicated.
  - Determine if referral to another physiotherapist or another provider is indicated.
- Develop, implement, monitor and evaluate an intervention plan.
  - Establish physiotherapy short and long-term client-centered goals.
  - Determine an intervention plan.
  - Implement planned interventions.
  - Assist client to develop self-management skills.
  - Monitor and respond to client status during interventions.
  - Reassess client status and needs as appropriate.
  - Modify intervention plan as indicated.
- Complete or transition care
  - Evaluate client outcomes and goal attainment.
  - Develop a discharge or transition of care plan.

### Communication:

- Use oral and non-verbal communication effectively.
  - Speak clearly and concisely.
  - Listen actively, to build trust and foster exchange of information.
  - Use and respond to body language appropriately.
  - Give and receive feedback in a constructive manner.
- Use written communication effectively.
  - Write in a clear, concise and organized fashion.
  - Ensure written communication is legible.
  - Prepare comprehensive and accurate health records and other documents, appropriate to purpose.
- Adapt communication approach to context.
  - Adjust communication strategy consistent with purpose and setting.
  - Use appropriate terminology.
  - Adjust communication based on level of understanding of recipient.
  - Ensure communication is timely
  - Share information empathetically and respectfully.
- Use communication tools and technologies effectively
  - Use electronic technologies appropriately and responsibly.
  - Use images, videos and other media to enhance communication.

### Collaboration

- Promote an integrated approach to client services.
  - Identify practice situations that may benefit from collaborative care.
  - Engage client as a team member.
- Contribute to effective teamwork.
  - Respect accepted principles for teamwork.
  - Participate in shared leadership.
  - Share relevant information with the team.
  - Participate and be respectful of all members' participation in collaborative decision-making.

### Management

- Utilize resources efficiently and effectively.
  - Manage own time effectively.

### Leadership

- Champion the health needs of clients
  - Promote a culture of client-centeredness

### Scholarship

- Use an evidence-informed approach in practice.
  - Incorporate best available evidence into clinical decision-making.
  - Incorporate client context into clinical decision-making.
  - Incorporate personal knowledge and experience into clinical decision-making.
  - Make decisions using an established clinical reasoning framework.
  - Use a structured approach to evaluate effectiveness of decision
- Engage in scholarly inquiry
  - Access reliable sources of information
  - Critically appraise information
- Integrate self-reflection and external feedback to improve personal practice.
  - Seek feedback from others on personal performance and behaviour.
  - Compare personal performance & behaviour with professional & organizational e expectations.
  - Identify learning needs based on self-reflection and external feedback.
  - Develop and implement a plan to address learning needs.
- Maintain currency with developments relevant to area of practice
  - Access emerging information relevant to area of practice
  - Determine potential for applicability of emerging information to personal practice
- Contribute to the learning of others
  - Identify the physiotherapy-related learning needs of others
  - Contribute to the education of peers

### Professionalism

- Behave ethically.
  - Use an ethical framework to guide decision-making.
  - Promote services in an ethical manner.
- Act with professional integrity.
  - Behave with honesty and respect for others.
  - Behave in a manner that values diversity.
  - Work within physiotherapy scope of practice and personal level of competence.
  - Accept accountability for decisions and actions.
  - Maintain professional deportment.
  - Maintain professional boundaries.

## Course Materials

### Required texts:

- Whitmore, S., Gladney, K. & Driver, A. (2008). The upper Quadrant: A workbook of Manual Therapy Techniques, 2nd Edition. Whitmore Physiotherapy Consulting Inc. Canada.
- Whitmore, S., Gladney, K. & Driver, A. (2008). The lower Quadrant: A workbook of Manual Therapy Techniques, 2nd Edition. Whitmore Physiotherapy Consulting Inc. Canada.

### Reference texts:

1. Dutton (2008). Orthopaedic Examination, evaluation & intervention. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. McGraw-Hill
2. Magee DJ (2014). Orthopedic physical assessment, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Elsevier. St. Louis, MO
3. Olson Kenneth A. (2016). Manual physical therapy of the spine. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Elsevier.

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## Assignments and Evaluation

Participation: \_\_\_\_\_ 5%

One (1) spot check

Assignments \_\_\_\_\_ 10%

Six (6) case Hx

Participation marks (4%)

Graded marks (6%)

### Midterm Exam:

Practical exam (OSCE) \_\_\_\_\_ 15%

Written exam \_\_\_\_\_ 25%

### Final Exam:

Practical exam (OSCE) \_\_\_\_\_ 15%

Written exam \_\_\_\_\_ 30%

Date TBA

In the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the University's control, the content and/or evaluation scheme in this course is subject to change.

**Special Requirements for Course Completion and Program Continuation:**

In order to pass the course, a grade of at least B- (65%) must be obtained as a total course mark. This course falls under the regulations concerning theoretical and practical evaluation as well as individual and group evaluation. Please refer to the section on marks in the Rules and Regulations for Student Evaluation and Promotion of the Physical Therapy Course Guides.

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**Right to submit in English or French written work that is to be graded:**

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**Consequences of not completing assignments as requested:**

An individual who does not complete a required assignment and does not have a university recognized reason for deferral would receive a 0 in that portion of the evaluation.

**Disability:**

If you have a disability, please contact the instructor to arrange a time to discuss your situation. It would be helpful if you contact the [Office for Students with Disabilities](#) at 514-398-6009 before you do this. <http://www.mcgill.ca/spot/files/spot/osd> process and flowchart for students 2015.pdf page 3

**Attendance:**

Students are expected to attend all lectures and are required to attend all clinical reasoning workshops and labs. Students who have missed more than 15% of laboratory or small group sessions, without prior approval, will have a 10% deduction of their final grade. This rule applies to labs and to all required workshops, seminars or professional activities.

**Dress Code:**

Professionalism with respect to dressing is encouraged throughout the course of the semester. It is each student's responsibility to have appropriate attire during all class assignments and learning activities.

**Professional Conduct:**

Professionalism and accountability are expected throughout the course of the semester. This includes the on-going respectful nature of teacher-student as well as student-student interactions.

**Technology in Class:**

Your respectful attentive presence is expected, therefore while you are permitted to use your laptop in class, it is understood that you will not be using your laptop or cell-phone for social purposes during class time (e.g. email, msn, sms). Your cell phone should be on silence during class time and phone calls should only take place during the break or after class.