



Values-Based Behaviors for the Physical Therapist Assistant Self-Assessment

Notice: This resource was created in 2012 and is inconsistent with APTA's Core Values for the Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant, updated in 2019, which can be found at the link below. APTA is providing this resource until a new assessment can be developed.

<https://www.apta.org/apta-and-you/leadership-and-governance/policies/core-values-for-the-physical-therapist-and-physical-therapist-assistant>

The Values-Based Behaviors is a concise document that describes those values that most significantly influence PTAs providing patient/client care as a member of the physical therapy team. The Values-Based Behaviors were developed in 2010 by the Advisory Panel of PTAs, reviewed and adapted by numerous stakeholder groups, and approved by APTA's Board of Directors in January 2011. A complete history on the development and approval of this document is included in the introduction section of the Values-Based Behaviors document.

This self-assessment tool accompanies the Values-Based Behaviors and is intended to increase the physical therapist assistant's *awareness* of the Values-Based Behaviors for the PTA and to *self-assess* the frequency with which he or she demonstrates the eight values listed and defined in the first column. The second column provides sample indicators or examples of actions that a PTA who has adopted the Values-Based Behaviors would choose to take in a variety of situations. And the third column is for scoring the frequency with which one chooses to demonstrate the described behavior or action.

Complete the Self-Assessment

Review each sample indicator and rate the frequency with which you display that behavior on a daily basis. It is not expected that one will rate himself or herself as 5 (always) or 1 (never) on every item. Be candid in your response as this is a self-assessment process with an opportunity for identification of areas of strength and opportunities for growth.

Analyze the Completed Self-Assessment

Once you have completed the Self-Assessment, you may want to reflect as an individual or group on the following questions:

- On what sample indicators did you or the group consistently score yourself/themselves on the scale at the 4 (frequent) or 5 (always) levels?
- Why did you or the group rate yourself/themselves higher in frequency for demonstrating these sample behaviors?
- On what sample indicators did you or the group score yourself/themselves on the scale at level 3 or below?
- Why did you or the group rate yourself/themselves lower in frequency for demonstrating these sample behaviors?
- Identify, develop, and implement approaches to strengthening the integration of the values-based behaviors within your clinical environment. Seek out mentoring in this area from your supervising physical therapist or other experienced clinicians.
- Establish personal goals for increasing the frequency with which you demonstrate specific sample behaviors with specific values-based behaviors.
- Conduct periodic re-assessment of your values-based behaviors to determine the degree to which your performance has changed in your growth personally and as a PTA.

Questions about the self assessment tool or the Values-Based Behaviors should be directed to APTA's PTA Services Department at pta@apta.org.

VALUES-BASED BEHAVIORS FOR THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

For each values-based behavior listed, a definition is provided and a set of sample indicators that describe what one would see if the PTA were demonstrating that behavior in his/her daily work. For each of the sample indicators listed, check the box that best represents the frequency with which you demonstrate the behavior where:

1 = Never; 2 = Rarely; 3 = Occasionally; 4 = Frequently; and 5 = Always.

Values-Based Behavior with Definition	Sample Indicators	Self-Assessment Rating				
		1 Never	2 Rarely	3 Occasional	4 Frequent	5 Always
<p>Altruism</p> <p>Altruism is the primary regard for or devotion to the interest of patients/clients, thus assuming the fiduciary responsibility of placing the needs of the patient/client ahead of the PTA's self interest.</p>	1. Providing patient/client-centered interventions.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	2. Readily offering to assist the physical therapist in providing patient/client interventions.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Generously providing the necessary time and effort to meet patient/client needs.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	4. Placing the patient/client's needs ahead of one's own, as evidenced by willingness to alter one's schedule, delay other projects or tasks, etc.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	5. Contributing, as able, to the provision of physical therapy services to underserved and underrepresented populations.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Caring and Compassion</p> <p>Compassion is the desire to identify with or sense something of another's experience; a precursor of caring.</p> <p>Caring is the concern, empathy, and consideration for the needs and values of others.</p>	1. Actively listening to the patient/client and considering the patient/client's needs and preferences.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	2. Exhibiting compassion, caring, and empathy in providing services to patients/clients.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Demonstrating respect for others and considering others as unique and of value.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	4. Considering social, emotional, cultural, psychological, environmental, and economic influences of the patient/client (eg, learning styles, language abilities, cognitive abilities and adapting approach accordingly).	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	5. Recognizing and refraining from acting on one's social, cultural, gender, and sexual biases; i.e. demonstrate a nonjudgmental attitude.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Continuing Competence

Continuing competence is the lifelong process of maintaining and documenting competence through ongoing self-assessment, development, and implementation of a personal learning plan, and subsequent reassessment.

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| 1. Identifying strengths and limitations in knowledge, skills, and behaviors through self-assessment and feedback from physical therapists and others, and developing and implementing strategies to address the limitations. | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Maintaining continuing competence using a variety of lifelong learning strategies (eg, continuing education, reflective journals, journal clubs, and working with a mentor). | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Seeking further education in the use and delivery of interventions based on new evidence as it becomes available. | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Developing and implementing a career advancement plan based on interests, opportunities, and career aspirations. | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Duty

Duty is the commitment to meeting one's obligations to provide effective physical therapy services to individual patients/clients, to serve the profession, and to positively influence the health of society.

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| 1. Demonstrating behaviors, conduct, actions, attitudes, and values consistent with the roles, responsibilities, and tasks of the PTA. | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Facilitating each patient/client's achievement of goals for function, health, and wellness, as directed in the plan of care. | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Preserving the safety, security, and confidentiality of individuals in all patient/client contexts. | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Participating in quality assurance/quality improvement activities in physical therapy care. | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Promoting the profession of physical therapy. | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Providing student instruction and mentoring other PTAs. | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Integrity

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| 1. Adhering to applicable laws regarding scope of work, payment policies and guidelines, institutional policies and procedures, and APTA policies, positions, and guidelines to ensure optimal patient/client care and fiscal management. | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Adhering to the highest standards of the profession for the PTA, including the Standards of Ethical Conduct for the Physical Therapist Assistant, Guide for Conduct of the Physical Therapist Assistant, state practice acts, and payment requirements. | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Integrity (cont.)	3. Demonstrating the ideals of the values-based behaviors of the PTA.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	4. Demonstrating honesty and trustworthiness in all interactions and relationships.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	5. Choosing employment situations that are congruent with ethical principles and work standards.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	6. Identifying ethical and legal concerns and initiating actions to address the concern, when appropriate.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
PT/PTA Collaboration						
The PT/PTA team works together, within each partner's respective role, to achieve optimal patient/client care and to enhance the overall delivery of physical therapy services.	1. Educating the PT as needed about the roles, responsibilities, and appropriate utilization of the PTA in the PT/PTA team using available resources (eg, state licensure/practice rules and regulations, PTA clinical problem-solving algorithm, PTA direction and supervision algorithms, Minimum Required Skills of Physical Therapist Assistant Graduates at Entry-Level).	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	2. Promoting a positive working relationship within the PT/PTA team.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Demonstrating respect for the roles and contributions of both the PT and PTA in achieving optimal patient/client care, including the PT's responsibility for the PTA's performance in patient/client interventions.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	4. Seeking out opportunities to collaborate with the PT to improve outcomes in patient/client care.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	5. Working with the PT in educating consumers and other health care providers about physical therapy.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
Responsibility						
Responsibility is the active acceptance of the roles, obligations, and actions of the PTA, including behaviors that positively influence patient/client outcomes, the profession, and the health needs of society.	1. Identifying strengths and limitations in knowledge and skill, and working within limitations of personal ability.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	2. Completing patient/client care and other tasks in a timely and efficient manner.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Identifying, acknowledging, and accepting responsibility for actions and, when errors occur, following error reporting processes.	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	4. Communicating in a timely manner with others (eg, PTs, patients/clients, and others).	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Social Responsibility

Social responsibility is the promotion of a mutual trust between the PTA, as a member of the profession, and the larger public that necessitates responding to societal needs for health and wellness.

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| 1. Advocating for patient/client needs in the clinical setting. | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Demonstrating behaviors that positively represent the profession to the public. | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Promoting a healthy lifestyle, wellness, and injury prevention strategies in the community. | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Serving the profession and the community, including activities occurring in conjunction with work or outside of work (eg, community health fairs, National Physical Therapy Month events, APTA service). | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Advocating for changes in laws, regulations, standards, and guidelines that positively affect physical therapy and patient/client services. | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> |
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