Directional Postural Control Assessment and Strategic Weighing to Control Balance

Overview

Postural control and directional balance loss are evident in older adults and those with orthopedic and neurological disabilities. This intermediate Balance-Based Torso-Weighting course identifies three-dimensional balance loss through specific testing of static, anticipatory, and reactive control. Interventions to address the three-dimension loss via strategic weighting protocols applied to the torso via orthotics immediately stabilize the torso and improve postural control often improving the client’s ability to move.

This class provides both Webinars and In-Person Labs to integrate information. The Webinars provide the background, evidence, assessment, and strategic weighting protocols prior to hand-on training and follow-up cases afterward. The hands-on training integrates the assessment and technology with patient volunteers to ensure the clinicians understand and implement the procedures with best practice. Case reviews of each volunteer throughout the day enable clinicians to reflect and understand the implications of the technology across patient populations and levels of disability.

Objectives:

By the end of the Pre-Webinars attendees will be able to:
- Recite three evidenced based research studies of Balance-Based Torso-Weighting (BBTW).
- Describe two ways to improve the chances of adaptive neuroplasticity.
- Recite anatomical muscles of the trunk and actions with 75% accuracy.
- Identify the magnitude, velocity and directional loss of balance from videos with 80% accuracy.
- Document and determine the balance loss score on the assessment form with 90% accuracy.

By the end the lab the attendees will be able to:
- Apply perturbation to the torso with accurate hand placement and speed with 80% accuracy.
- Apply strategic weights on the torso per protocols to improve reactive control of balance in volunteers with 80% accuracy.
- Analyze differences in qualitative versus quantitative movement of pre and post balance and gait measures to determine benefit of strategic weighting 100% of the time.
- Independently justify the orthotic type to use with BBTW with 75% accuracy.
- Demonstrate assessment and first two strategic weight placements on instructor with 80% accuracy.

Location (For Hands On Sessions):
Allied Services/ Heinz Rehab
150 Mundy Street, MACIII - Spine & Sports Center
Wilkes-Barre Township, PA 18702
Day of Contact: Kristina - (570)-905-5724

Continuing Education Pending:
CEU FL PT/PTA 20, NY 19.5, CT CEU
OT must apply with their state.

Target Audience - PT, PT Student,
OT, PTA, OTA, CPO, ATC, DC
PT, (PT-Student) PTA, OT, OTA, CPO

This course is designed to present and review the basics of assessment, evaluation and treatment for patients who present with balance problems. All participants would use the materials according to State/Jurisdictional regulations.

- The PT, (PT-student second year) and OT will benefit from all aspects of the course from initial evaluation through the development of an inter-professional Plan of Care (POC) as well as the introduction and practice of Evidence Based treatment techniques.
- The PTA and COTA will benefit from the understanding of the components and theory behind the evaluation process, and experience in testing techniques as well as treatment methods which would be determined in the POC designed by the therapist.
- The Certified Orthotist will benefit from the understanding of the components and theory behind the evaluation process, and experience in testing techniques as well as treatment methods which would be determined in the process for applying orthotics for patients.

Instructional Ratio
16:1 Max enrollment 16/Instructor

Participants will practice with the BalanceWear assessment device
- 5 - 1/2 pound weights
- 6 - 1/4 pound weights
- 4 - 1/8 pound weights
- 2 - 1/16 pound weights

BalanceWear Assessment Device : $475
Seminar Outline
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Pre-Webinar – 3 Webinars a Total of 3 Hours
- Introduction to Balance-Based Torso-Weighting: BBTW
- Review The Evidence
- Translate Research to Clinical Applications
- Identify and Document Static and Reactive Loss of Balance
- Learn Beginning Weighting Strategies

Watching the Webinar is mandatory.
70% accuracy on written test post webinar required. – 15 min

Hands On Lab with Patients
Day 1 – May 2 – 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM
08:00 – 08:30 Registration
08:30 – 10:00 Lab-Directional Balance Assessment
10:00 – 10:15 Break
10:15 – 11:30 Lab-Targeting Sensory Input for Directional Balance Control
11:30 – 12:00 Lab Practice Sensory Versus Rigid LSO
12:00 – 12:45 Lunch Break
12:45 – 01:15 Sitting Perturbation and Strategic Weighting
01:15 – 02:30 Instruction Demonstration with Volunteer Patient
02:30 – 03:00 Measurement and Fitment
03:00 – 03:15 Break
03:15 – 04:45 Volunteer Patient Lab
04:45 – 05:30 Case Presentations

Day 2 – May 3 – 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM
08:30 – 09:30 Review Perturbations, Questions, Practice
09:30 – 11:00 Volunteer Patient Lab
11:00 – 11:15 Break
11:15 – 12:45 Volunteer patient lab
12:45 – 01:30 Lunch Break
01:30 – 02:00 Case presentation
02:00 – 03:15 Volunteer Patient Lab
03:15 – 03:30 Break
03:30 – 04:00 Case presentations
04:30 – 05:15 Demonstrate Technique on Instructor and Test
05:15 – 05:30 Questions and Answers

Post Webinar Required – Live & Recorded
1 Hour Personal Reflection on BBTW
and Use in Clinical Practice

REGISTRATION FORM

BBTW Seminar: $475

Name:

Profession: ☐ PT ☐ PTA ☐ OT ☐ OTA ☐ ATC
☐ Other:

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Cynthia Gibson-Horn, PT
is a graduate of University of Wisconsin, developed BBTW in her clinical practice. She collaborated with several researchers to complete studies in Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson’s Disease, elderly, and ataxia. She has presented her work at several International, National, and Local meetings. She designed and patented strategic weighting products. Cindy is the owner of Motion Therapeutics who produces the BalanceWear product line.

Curry Durbower, PT, DPT
is a graduate of the Drexel University Programs in Rehabilitation Sciences Physical Therapy Program. She received her BS in Kinesiology from Penn State University. Since 2005, Curry has worked full time physical therapist, first in inpatient rehab and now in the outpatient department at Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital in Malvern, PA. She specializes in the treatment of patients with neurologic and vestibular disorders, and is active in research involving BBTW. She is adjunct Faculty member at Drexel University.

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