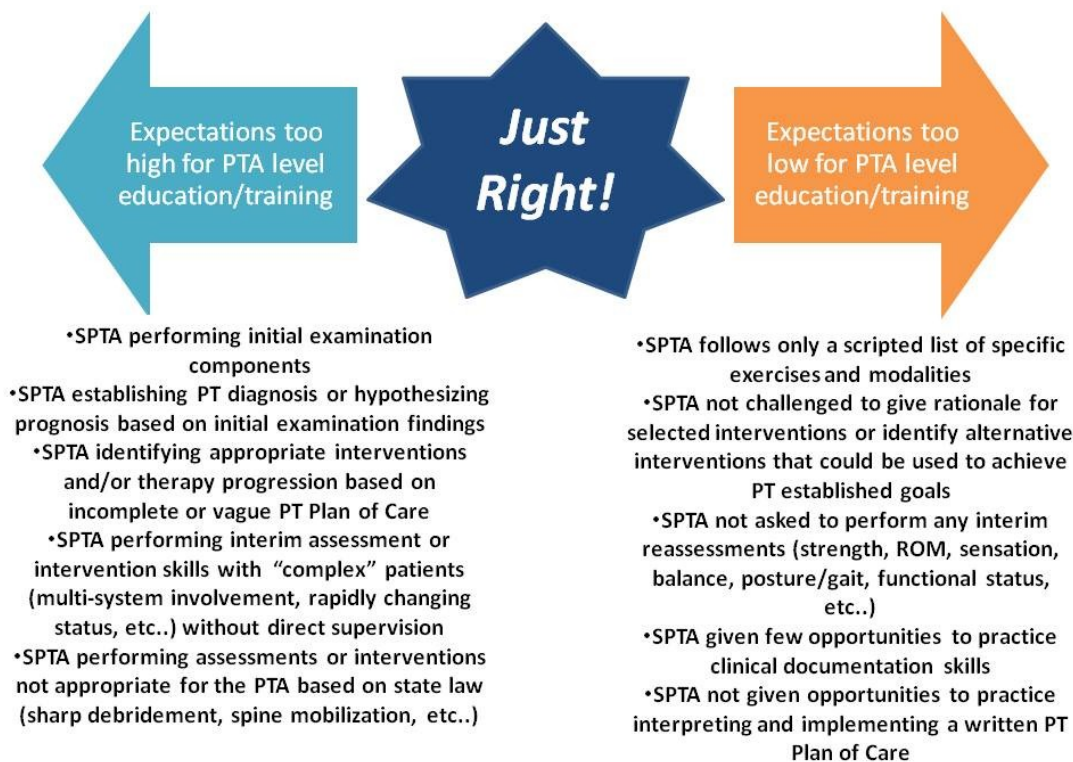


## “What expectations should I have for a PTA student as compared to a PT student?”

Confusion related to expectations for PTA student performance typically fall into one of two categories. Either (1) the SPTA is expected to exhibit competency with skills appropriate for the SPT and beyond the training and education of the SPTA or (2) the SPTA is held to expectations more consistent with PT technician training and is not challenged to perform to their level of education.

Some of the more common issues or examples are outlined below. Clinical instructors are encouraged to contact the PTA Program’s ACCE with any specific or additional questions related to appropriate SPTA supervision, practice and goals/expectations for performance.



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