



MS in Athletic Training | College of Health Sciences

ATR6085: General Medical Conditions and Medical Terminology

3 Units

Spring 2026

January 12 - May 8, 2026

In Person

Meeting Days: Wednesday

Meeting Times: 8:00 am - 10:30 am

Meeting Location: Balboa #152

Final Exam: NONE

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HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

It is expected that all students will abide by the health and safety standards set by the university.

HEALTH-RELATED CLASS ABSENCES

Please regularly evaluate your own health with input as appropriate from your physician or the Student Health Center. Do not attend class or other on-campus events if you are ill.

You are encouraged to seek appropriate medical attention for treatment of illness. Please contact your primary care physician OR a free San Diego medical clinic if you do not have health insurance. In the event of having a contagious illness such as influenza or COVID-19, please do not come to class or to

campus to turn in any work. Instead, **email me about your absence as soon as you are able so that appropriate accommodations can be explored.**

I am committed to working with students with pre-existing medical and mental health needs, as well as new needs that may arise within the semester. I encourage you to reach out to me as early as possible to discuss any adjustments you think may be necessary in this course. Reasonable accommodations may include leveraging the course modules that have been developed in creative ways to maximize your access during times when students have an illness requiring absence from class. While I cannot guarantee any specific outcome, I am committed to working with you to explore all the options available in this course.

PLNU Mission

To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

Course Description

This course equips students to recognize and provide care for the most commonly occurring orthopedic injuries to active individuals. Students will become proficient in using an objective evaluation methodology to recognize and differentiate injury, to determine if referral to medical care is required, and to decide return-to-play status.

1. We will learn the systematic/practical/clinical application of the H.I.P.S. and S.O.A.P. methods of assessment (there will be no actual chart writing).
 2. Clinical role-playing in the lab setting will allow students to practice and master injury/illness examination through the use of the differential diagnosis process.
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Course Learning Outcomes

All Health and Human Performance majors within the Department of Kinesiology will be able to:

1. Speak and write effectively to a target audience on essential information in human movement/health and human performance.
2. Critically evaluate and integrate new information into professional practice to solve relevant health issues.
3. Assess signs and symptoms when a subject asks for a health evaluation.
4. Describe the mechanisms (i.e. metabolic, physiologic, biomechanical, and developmental) influencing health.

5. Demonstrate preparedness to interact with health care professionals for coordinated care of patients.
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Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Master of Science in Athletic Training (MS-AT), the successful student will be able:

1. To prepare students to demonstrate competency in interpreting evidence-based research and improving clinical standards and practice through clinical question development and research methodology.
 2. To prepare students to develop expertise in the athletic training domains through an integrative experiential clinical model.
 3. To equip students with appropriate knowledge and educational foundation required for an entry-level Certified Athletic Trainer.
 4. To prepare students to establish and understand the importance of inter-professional relationships, while collaborating with other health care professionals to become effective communicators.
 5. To prepare students to demonstrate preparation, knowledge and skill in the delivery of comprehensive health care to a diverse set of patients with musculoskeletal injuries and conditions and illnesses in a distinctly moral and ethical manner, integrating Christian faith with clinical practice.
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Institutional Learning Outcomes

1. **Learning, Informed by our Faith in Christ**
Students will acquire knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world while developing skills and habits of the mind that foster lifelong learning.
 2. **Growing, in a Christ-centered Faith Community**
Students will develop a deeper and more informed understanding of others as they negotiate complex professional, environmental, and social contexts.
 3. **Serving, in a Context of Christian Faith**
Students will serve locally and/or globally in vocational and social settings.
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Required Texts and Recommended Study Resources

Title: Medical Conditions in the Physically Active (4th edition)

Author: Katie Walsh Flanagan, Micki Cuppett

ISBN: 9781718215405 (print)

ISBN: 9781718227385 (ebook)

Note: Students are responsible for having the required textbooks prior to the first day of class. Students are also encouraged to begin reading the books in preparation for the class as soon as possible.

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Course Credit Hour Information

In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 3-unit class delivered over 16 weeks. It is anticipated that students will spend a minimum of 37.5 participation hours per credit hour on their coursework. For this course, students will spend an estimated 112.5 total hours meeting the course learning outcomes. The time estimations are provided in the Canvas modules and is located within each weekly overview.

Assessment and Grading

Assignments

Each assignment category below is worth a certain percentage of the total grade (100%) for the course, as specified in the table below:

Course Assignments

Description	Points Possible:
Online Quizzes (4 @ 50 pts each)	200 pts.
Examination (2 @ 400 pts each)	800 pts.
Project (Class Requirement)	Required
Total Points	1,000 pts

It is important to read the comments posted in the gradebook as these comments are intended to help students improve their work. Final grades will be posted by the due date as posted in the Academic Calendar.

Grading Scale

The following grading scale will be used for all exams and final course grades (FINAL SCORE WILL NOT BE ROUNDED UP)

Course Grading Scale

A 92+	C+ 78-79
A- 90-92	C 72-78
B+ 88-90	C- 70-72
B 82-88	D 60-70
B- 80-82	F <60

COURSE ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

Quizzes

Online (Canvas) quizzes will be administered to be taken on your own online outside of class. It is encouraged to take the quizzes without using your textbook or class notes, but this will not be enforced. Due dates for each quiz will be listed in Canvas. No provision will be made for make-up quizzes.

Project

There will be a requirement to complete a specific project by the end of the semester. The project will be posted during the semester.

Examinations

You will have TWO examinations which will cover the first and second half of the course respectively. The tests will be scheduled for class sessions for the week. See the schedule for the dates of the examinations.

Final exam

There will be no comprehensive final examination, but the second examination will be scheduled to coincide with “finals week”, with flexibility to take it earlier.

Incompletes and Late Assignments

All assignments are to be submitted/turned in by the beginning of the class session when they are due—including assignments posted in Canvas.

For each day that an assignment is late the student will be docked 10%. If the assignment is more than 5 days late it will not be graded. Should you get sick, overwhelmed or have a family emergency please communicate with me to avoid the late work policy penalty. This is the responsibility of the student. All due dates will be posted in canvas. Please make sure that you are working ahead to avoid any issues.

PLNU Spiritual Care

Balboa Campus

PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as a whole person. To this end, we provide resources for our graduate students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith. At the Balboa campus, we have an onsite chaplain, Rev. Kevin Portillo, who is available during class break times across the week. If you have questions or a desire to meet or share any prayer requests with Rev. Portillo, you may contact him directly at KevinPortillo@pointloma.edu.

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PLNU Recording Notification

In order to enhance the learning experience, please be advised that this course may be recorded by the professor for educational purposes, and access to these recordings will be limited to enrolled students and authorized personnel.

Note that all recordings are subject to copyright protection. Any unauthorized distribution or publication of these recordings without written approval from the University (refer to the Dean) is strictly prohibited.

PLNU Academic Honesty Policy

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when, in reality, they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course.

For all student appeals, faculty and students should follow the procedures outlined in the University Catalog. See [Graduate Academic and General Policies](#) for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

During the first week of class, you will be asked to submit an Academic Honesty Verification Statement. Submitting the statement is a requirement of this course. By submitting the Academic Honesty Verification Statement, you will be verifying all assignments completed in this course were completed by you. Carefully review the Academic Honesty Statement below.

Statement: "In submitting this form, I am verifying all the assignments in this course will be completed by me and will be my own work."

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools (e.g., ChatGPT, iA Writer, Marmot, Botowski, GrammarlyGo, Perplexity, etc.) is prohibited in this course for any aspect of your work, including idea generation, drafting, editing, or final submissions. This course is designed to assess your independent critical thinking, writing, and research skills without the assistance of AI technologies. Violations of this policy will be treated as breaches of academic integrity.

OR

You are allowed to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Gemini Pro 1.5, GrammarlyGo, Perplexity, etc.) to generate ideas, but you are not allowed to use AI tools to generate content (text, video, audio, images) that will end up in any work submitted to be graded for this course. If you have any doubts about using AI, please gain permission from the instructor.

PLNU Academic Accommodations Policy

PLNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center (EAC@pointloma.edu or 619-849-2533). Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will work with the student to create an Accommodation Plan (AP) that outlines allowed accommodations. Professors are able to view a student's approved accommodations through Accommodate.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their AP in that particular course. Accommodations are not retroactive so clarifying with the professor at the outset is one of the best ways to promote positive academic outcomes.

Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to assure appropriate accommodations can be provided. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC. Students cannot assume that because they had accommodations in the past, their eligibility at PLNU is automatic. All determinations at PLNU must go through the EAC process. This is to protect the privacy of students with disabilities who may not want to disclose this information and are not asking for any accommodations.

Language and Belonging

Point Loma Nazarene University faculty are committed to helping create a safe and hospitable learning environment for all students. As Christian scholars we are keenly aware of the power of language and believe in treating others with dignity. As such, it is important that our language be equitable, inclusive, and prejudice free. Inclusive/Bias-free language is the standard outlined by all major academic style guides, including MLA, APA, and Chicago, and it is the expected norm in university-level work. Good

writing and speaking do not use unsubstantiated or irrelevant generalizations about personal qualities such as age, disability, economic class, ethnicity, marital status, parentage, political or religious beliefs, race, gender, sex, or sexual orientation. Inclusive language also avoids using stereotypes or terminology that demeans persons or groups based on age, disability, class, ethnicity, gender, race, language, or national origin. Respectful use of language is particularly important when referring to those outside of the religious and lifestyle commitments of those in the PLNU community. By working toward precision and clarity of language, we mark ourselves as serious and respectful scholars, and we model the Christ-like quality of hospitality.

If you (or someone you know) have experienced other forms of discrimination, you can find more information on reporting and resources at [PLNU's Nondiscrimination webpage](#).

Sexual Misconduct and Discrimination

Point Loma Nazarene University faculty are committed to helping create a safe learning environment for all students. If you (or someone you know) have experienced any form of sexual discrimination or misconduct, including sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, or stalking, know that help and support are available through the [Title IX Office](#). Please be aware that under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, it is required to disclose information about such misconduct to the Title IX Office.

If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact Counseling Services at counselingservices@pointloma.edu or find a list of campus pastors via our [Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy](#).

If you (or someone you know) have experienced other forms of discrimination or bias, you can find more information on reporting and resources via our [Nondiscrimination and Anti-harassment Policy](#).

Course Attendance Policy

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

Our class meets on Wednesdays as above. If you cannot meet in-person due to a professionally acceptable reason, online engagement is typically unlikely, but lecture slides are available online. Students to request a zoom link for the course session that day in case accommodations can be made.

Class participation and active learning are important aspects of this class, so your engagement is critical to your success regardless of modality/delivery. However, I understand that sometimes you must miss examinations or other academic obligations affecting your grades because of illness, personal crises, and other emergencies. As long as such absences are not excessive (student missing more than 20% of the class), I will work with you as best I can to help you succeed in the course. Please contact me as soon as possible when such absences arise so we can make arrangements to get you caught up. **This policy will not apply in the case of unexcused absences.**

PLNU Attendance and Participation Policy

Regular and punctual attendance at all class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. Therefore, regular attendance and participation in each course are minimal requirements.

If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions, the faculty member will issue a written warning of de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university withdrawal date or, after that date, receive an “F” grade.

Students who anticipate being absent for an entire week of a course should contact the instructor in advance for approval and make arrangements to complete the required coursework and/or alternative assignments assigned at the discretion of the instructor. Acceptance of late work is at the discretion of the instructor and does not waive attendance requirements.

Refer to [Academic Policies](#) for additional details.

Synchronous Attendance/Participation Definition

For synchronous courses that have specific scheduled meeting times (including in-person, hybrid, and synchronous online courses), absences are counted from the first official meeting of the class regardless of the date of the student’s enrollment. For courses with specific attendance requirements, those requirements are outlined in the course syllabus.

Note: For synchronous courses with an online asynchronous week, refer to the Online Asynchronous Class Attendance policy listed below.

Online Asynchronous Attendance/Participation Definition

Students taking online courses with no specific scheduled meeting times are expected to actively engage throughout each week of the course. Attendance is defined as participating in an academic activity within the online classroom which includes, but is not limited to:

- Engaging in an online discussion
- Submitting an assignment
- Taking an exam
- Participating in online labs
- Initiating contact with faculty member within the learning management system to discuss course content

Note: Logging into the course does not qualify as participation and will not be counted as meeting the attendance requirement.

Course Modality Definitions

1. Online Courses: These are courses with class meetings where all instruction and interaction are fully online.
 1. Synchronous Courses: At least one class meeting takes place at a designated time.

2. Asynchronous Courses: All class meetings are asynchronous.
 2. Hybrid Courses: These are courses with class meetings that take place both in the classroom and online synchronously and/or asynchronously.
 3. In-Person Courses: These are courses that meet in person with the instructor and students in a physical classroom setting. With approval by the area dean, this may include up to 25% of qualified class interactions through a Learning Management System (such as Canvas).
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Use of Technology

In order to be successful in the online or hybrid environment, you'll need to meet the minimum technology and system requirements; please refer to the [Technology and System Requirements](#) information. Additionally, students are required to have headphone speakers, microphone, or webcams compatible with their computer available to use. Please note that any course with online proctored exams requires a computer with a camera (tablets are not compatible nor allowable) to complete exams online.

Problems with technology do not relieve you of the responsibility of participating, turning in your assignments, or completing your class work.

GPS Academic Resources

PLNU offers the following free academic resources virtually for Graduate Professional Studies (GPS) Students. Visit myPLNU through the links below for more information.

- [The GPS Writing Center](#) offers:
 - **Zoom Writers Workshops** offered each quad on a variety of helpful topics
 - **One-to-one appointments** with the Writing Coach
 - **Microlearning YouTube Video Library** for helpful tips anytime
- [Research Help Guide](#) to help you start your research
 - The physical office is located on the third floor of the [Mission Valley Regional Center](#) off the student lounge
- [Academic Writing Resources Course](#): Found on your Canvas Dashboard, this course is non-credit with 24/7 access, no time limits, and self-paced content. [Watch a quick video run-through](#) and take time now to explore!
- [Grammarly](#): Students have unlimited FREE access to Grammarly for Education, a trusted tool designed to help enhance writing skills by providing real-time feedback, identifying areas for improvement, and providing suggestions. Grammarly's Generative AI is NOT available with our student accounts.

- **Tutoring**: Students have access to 24/7 live or scheduled subject tutoring through Tutor.com, including a Paper Drop-Off Service with feedback within 12 hours.