

About the Educator

Selina Morgan, P.T., A.T.P., graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.S. in health education in 1984, and the University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas, School of Physical Therapy in 1986. She is actively involved in the physical rehabilitation of neurologically compromised patients with special interest in spinal cord injury, and assistive technology. She has held offices in: The National Spinal Cord Injury Association-South Texas Chapter, the adhoc committee to improve handicap accessibility in San Antonio, and the access planning committee of the Alamo Dome.

Selina first gained teaching experience through her faculty position at the Texas Tech School of Physical Therapy in 1995. She continues to teach in areas of spinal cord injury, seating/mobility and assistive technology at the University of Texas Health and Science Center (schools of PT and OT) and the Army/Navy Baylor School of Physical Therapy at Fort Sam Houston.

Selina has received credentials through RESNA as an assistive technology practitioner since 2003.

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Why You Should Attend This Course

This two-day course is designed to provide intermediate and progressive concepts to the rehabilitation therapist involved in the care of the spinal cord-injured patient. The focus of discussion in this course is on current treatment approaches related to spinal cord rehabilitation. Special emphasis is placed on complications that arise from spinal injury such as: spasticity, autonomic dysreflexia, skin and soft tissue issues, respiratory dysfunction, bowel and bladder dysfunction, orthostatic hypotension, DVT, heterotopic ossification, osteoporosis and fractures. Specific evaluation and treatment techniques are presented in this interactive lecture/lab format. Laboratory sessions will prepare the clinician with evaluation and handling techniques, wheelchair positioning and fitting. Participants will learn state of the art information to enhance their understanding of the treatment environment for the spinal cord population. Goal setting, therapeutic interventions, DC planning and projected outcomes are thoroughly discussed. This course explores both conventional and high-tech methods of achieving the best possible outcome and assists the clinician in facilitating critical thinking when developing treatment programs.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course participants will be able to:

- Review the anatomy and physiology of the spinal cord and related central connections.
- Discuss mechanisms of injury and acute management as related to therapeutic intervention.
- Discuss common areas of intervention related to spinal cord injury and the importance of patient/family education.
- Identify key components to the therapy evaluation and indications for treatment planning.
- Discuss goal-setting and therapy techniques as they relate to various functional levels of injury.
- Practice evaluation and patient handling techniques.
- Discuss key issues related to discharge planning and long-term care issues.
- Discuss and apply the principles of seating, positioning, and functional mobility.
- Explore environmental access options.
- Discuss funding issues as they relate to procurement of DME and long-term care services.

Certificates of attendance are provided upon successful completion of the course.
This course is 16.0 contact hours/1.6 CEU's.

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Registration Form

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