

Pre-Professional Training Program for Wheelchair Seating

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An Introduction to Practice
in Wheelchair Seating and
Mobility



Module 1
Wheelchair Users and
Service Delivery Overview



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Pre-Professional Training Program

- Funded through a grant from the Nielson Foundation
- Support provided by WHO and use of their materials
- Course development team:
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Pre-professional Training program

- Targeted for Physical Therapy and Physical Therapist Assistant training programs in the US
- Will be broadly available
- Based on platform of WHO materials – mix of beginner and intermediate content
 - Adapted to meet the needs of pre-professionals and the US practice setting
- Hybrid course style with on-line modules and materials for in-class activities

Pre-Professional Training Program

- “Plan” for approximately 12 – 14 modules total
- Module 1 – Introduction – complete and available
- Module 2 – Sitting Posture – nearly complete, should be available in 1 – 2 weeks
- Module 3 – Pressure injuries – next to be completed
- Modules 4 and 5 – Evaluation process – hoping by end of May
- Plan to have 6 modules completed and 2 – 3 pilot tested this summer
- Grant period ends at the end of September, but plan is to continue work until complete

Progress...

- First module completed and available:
- <https://www.anptsynapsecenter.com/>
- <https://www.anptsynapsecenter.com/public/course-detail/?id=38>
- Open to all, not just PT's not just APTA members
 - Need to “create an account”
- No charge



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