

## News from Physical Therapy Ergonomic Job and Task Analyses

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> year Doctor of Physical Therapy students (Class of 2010) recently completed projects in which they performed a work station/job task analysis for a real client. The projects were customized for the client and of course, integrated current research evidence.

## Work Station/Job Task Analysis:

The students described each task in terms of tools, equipment, task demands, work station layout, as well as many other characteristics. They identified and assessed related risk factors of those job tasks. Assistant Professor Mike Rabel, PT, DSc, OCS, CEAS reported that the students enjoyed "learning about other occupations and how to perform job analyses and work site assessments".





"It is valuable for the students to broaden their perspective of physical therapy from the traditional hospital/clinic setting to the industry/job site setting in order to focus on injury prevention, wellness promotion, & safety." Mike Rabel, PT, DSc, OCS, CEAS





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