



Course Title	CLINICAL EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY
Course Code	SSCEP414-1
Course Type	PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT SCIENCE ELECTIVE
Level	BSc (Level 1)
Year / Semester	4th / Spring
Teacher's Name	Dr Elena Papacosta & Dr. Giorgos Charalambous
ECTS	6 Lectures / week 1 Laboratories / 2 week
Course Purpose	The purpose of the course is to introduce students to the concept of Clinical Exercise physiology. It is the science that studies the body's responses in people suffering from chronic diseases both during movement and regular exercise. In particular, how exercise can improve many health parameters of patients with chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular diseases, type I & II diabetes, chronic renal failure, various forms of cancer, obstructive or restrictive type lung diseases, neurological diseases, etc., and improve patients' quality of life. Finally, the participation of patients in regular exercise and exercise programs as a means of recruitment and rehabilitation of chronic diseases will be mentioned.
Learning Outcomes	<ul> <li>Upon completion of the theoretical part of the course, students are expected to be able to: <ol> <li>Understand the basic principles of Clinical Exercise physiology and its applications in clinical populations</li> <li>Interpret and understand physiological, metabolic, biochemical and neuromuscular parameters, in different patient groups</li> <li>Understand the role of exercise in the acute and chronic adaptations in human functional systems.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Describe the individual components of the exercise stimulus that aim to maintain and promote the health of an individual, a group, a community, in different environments</li> <li>Identify techniques for assessing patients' health status</li> <li>Explain and identify functional ability and how it changes through different forms of exercise.</li> </ul>



	<ul> <li>the functional capacity of people with lung diseases (6MWT)</li> <li>the maximum stress test to check the aerobic capacity of patients</li> <li>submaximal tests for testing and evaluation of functional competence</li> <li>muscle function of the upper and lower limbs in patients with chronic diseases</li> <li>cardiorespiratory indicators from the application of ergospirometry (comparison of normal values and pathological conditions)</li> <li>They will be able through clinical reasoning to gather, interpret and synthesize the results of the evaluation in relation to exercise and different population groups</li> <li>select and apply assessment methods in the context of functioning, prevention, and promotion of physical and mental health.</li> <li>Apply clinical and planned exercise protocols in relation to the specialized physical condition, health problems and performance of the patient in need of cardiorespiratory or neuromuscular rehabilitation</li> <li>identify and identify the short- and long-term effects of clinical implementation of the planned exercise.</li> <li>Have acquired the necessary skills to adequately implement specific clinical ergophysiological interventions in relation to the exercise of a patient in need of cardiorespiratory or neuromuscular rehabilitation.</li> </ul>
Prerequisites Course Content	No       Corequisites       No         The course will include the following:       Aerobic capacity - Aerobic endurance       Maximum oxygen uptake         Basic applications of ergospirometry in patients with chronic diseases       Measurement and evaluation of somatometric indicators and body composition         Advanced equipment       technology (spirometers, ergospirometry, gas monitoring devices, vital signs monitoring during exercise, etc.)         Limiting / Obstructive factors of respiratory function         Resting spirometry – Lung volumes and capacities         Muscle function and exercise-induced adaptations         Cardiorespiratory adaptations to exercise         Nutrition issues combined with exercise         Prescription of the training process         Evaluation and control of exercise in patients (acute and chronic cardiorespiratory failure, critically ill, cardiac surgery, etc.).         Control and understanding exercise in children and the elderly         Laboratory:



Teaching Methodology	• Physical examination, evaluation, setting exercise goals, design of exercise program, implementation of exercise program,
	<ul> <li>Ergometric interventions and techniques according to the theoretical content of the course, such as:</li> <li>Physical examination, Evaluation, Setting exercise goals, Exercise program design, Exercise program implementation, Evaluation.</li> <li>Ergometric assessment of physical competence of people of developmental ages, gender differences and elderly people</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Control and maintenance of body weight</li> <li>Practical application for assessing functional capacity of people with lung diseases</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Maximum stress test to check patients' aerobic capacity</li> <li>Submaximal tests for control and assessment of functional capacity</li> <li>Measurement and evaluation of upper and lower limb muscle function in patients with chronic diseases</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Recording and evaluation of cardiorespiratory indices from the application of ergospirometry (comparison of normal values and pathological conditions)</li> </ul>
	<b>Theory</b> The teaching of the course includes lectures to offer the theoretical background of clinical exercise physiology. The teaching uses detailed notes with PowerPoint and material rich in images and videos. Methods such as case studies, clinical scenarios, discussion, questions/answers are used depending on the nature of the course. Relevant research-based material published in international scientific journals is also used to monitor the latest developments related to the subject of the course.
	Laboratory
	During the laboratory courses, students develop their clinical skills in ergophysiological assessment and intervention of the cardiorespiratory
	system to be able to apply in a real clinical environment successfully and safely.
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	McArdle, W.D., Katch, F.I. andKatch, V.L., (2001). <i>Φυσιολογία της</i> <i>Άσκησης</i> , Τόμοι I & II. Ιατρικές Εκδόσεις Π.Χ. Πασχαλίδης
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	systematic review and meta-analysis." <i>International Journal of Nursing Studies</i> : 104237. Souto-Miranda, Sara, et al. (2022) "Pulmonary rehabilitation outcomes in individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: a systematic review" <i>Annals of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine</i> 65.3: 101564.
	Soril, Lesley JJ, et al. (2022) "The effectiveness of pulmonary rehabilitation for post-COVID symptoms: A rapid review of the literature." <i>Respiratory medicine</i> : 106782.
	Uzzaman, Md Nazim, et al. (2022) "Effectiveness of home-based pulmonary
	rehabilitation: systematic review and meta-analysis." European Respiratory
	<i>Review</i> 31.165.
Assessment	Continuous evaluation (50%):
	The assessment may include any combination of the following:
	Group problem solving exercises (20%) to assess how students     can apply theoretical knowledge in real-world situations. Students



	are presented with scenarios that require analysis, critical thinking
	and application of theoretical concepts and are assessed based on
	their ability to make oral presentations, to be examined face-to-face,
	to identify and evaluate relevant information, propose solutions, and
	justify their choices.
	Class discussions: Students participate in class discussions to
	assess their theoretical knowledge. Active participation is
	encouraged to hone their critical thinking skills, ask open-ended
	questions, and facilitate their dialogue.
	Laboratory assessment (25%) consists of the assessment of expected
	skills and abilities, critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork skills.
	During laboratory meetings, students are closely monitored as they deal
	with the tasks assigned to them and notes are taken on the actions,
	approach, and any relevant observations that demonstrate their
	understanding of the subject and the application of their skills. After the
	evaluation of the laboratory work, constructive feedback is provided to
	students. Highlight their strengths and areas for improvement, linking
	them to learning outcomes to help students understand their progress
	and guide them in their further development. Depending on the
	laboratory work, peer review may be integrated, where students evaluate
	each other's work against the established criteria to promote self-
	reflection, collaboration, and a deeper understanding of the subject.
	Final exam (50%): Comprehensive final exam to assess students'
	overall theoretical knowledge. These assessments cover a wider range
	of topics and learning outcomes from across the curriculum, to assess
	students'
	understanding and integration of knowledge in various areas.
Language	Greek / English
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