



Course Description

Our Functional Capacity Evaluation + Return-To-Work + Work Hardening/Conditioning Certification Course is designed for professionals who are looking to implement the most innovative and profitable return-to-work rehab system available. Following the completion of this 3-day course, clinicians will be certified to perform functional capacity evaluations, workers' compensation progress notes, workers' compensation discharge summaries, and work hardening/conditioning evaluations/treatments. Clinicians and clinics implementing this approach on average see a significant increase in referrals and revenue within months of course completion.

You will receive hands on testing experience throughout the course with daily practicums performing a full job specific functional capacity evaluation, a full workers' compensation progress note and discharge summary. Our FCE and Return-to-Work Software will be utilized during the course as a training tool.

Satisfactory course completion as an assessment of learned outcomes includes:

- Participation in the full three days of training
- Performance and critique of a full functional capacity evaluation
- Performance of a workers' compensation progress note and discharge summary
- Completion of course quiz with a score of 80% or better in all course formats

Learning Outcomes

- Define how to implement the most comprehensive return-to-work rehab program
- Explain how to generate increased workers' compensation rehab referrals, work conditioning referrals, and increased revenue
- Produce evidence-based, valid, and reliable return-to-work testing
- Differentiate between return-to-work testing, work hardening/conditioning, and FCEs
- Produce an actual FCE and specialty workers' compensation progress note
- Show how to become a return-to-work specialty practice
- Implement this innovative and profitable approach in any practice
- Verbalize strategies taught to generate more revenue and workers' comp referrals
- Illustrate how to implement our return-to-work rehab philosophy
- List principles of return-to-work rehab documentation

Additional Course Content

- **Functional Capacity Evaluation**
 - Weigh various types of FCEs requested by referrals
 - Determine consistency of effort and reliability of pain results
 - Perform FCE musculoskeletal testing and impairment rating
 - Determine return-to-work ability during FCE performance
 - Evaluate non-material handling and upper extremity testing
 - Classify occasional, frequent, and constant material handling
 - Consider climbing, balance, sitting, and standing testing
- **Workers' Compensation Progress Notes and Discharge Summaries**
 - Apply our progress notes will turn your practice into a return-to-work specialty clinic
 - Apply skills learned through hands on implementation of these popular notes
- **Work Hardening/Conditioning Evaluation and Treatment**
 - Double your work conditioning referrals and learn the latest advanced work rehab techniques including evaluation, treatment planning, and daily patient progression

Who Should Attend

Physical Therapists
Physical Therapist Assistants
Occupational Therapists
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Athletic Trainers
Exercise Physiologists
Chiropractors
Medical Doctors
Kinesiologists
Physicians
Allied Health Professionals

Contact Hours/CEUs

21.75 hours (3 days)
2.1 AOTA CEUs

Training

\$875 – On Demand
\$975 – Live In Person
\$975 – Live Webcast

Education Level

Introductory
No prerequisites required
15:1 student to instructor ratio

Content Domain

Category 1: Domain of OT – Work

Course is approved throughout the US for physical therapists

**Jim Mecham, MSIE, OTR/L, CPE, CFCE**

Jim has dedicated his career to developing comprehensive industrial rehab programming that returns an injured worker to work as soon as possible. He has developed multiple Functional Capacity Evaluations with his crowning achievement being the FCE within OccuPro's Online Assessment Application. His degrees in Occupational Therapy and Industrial Engineering provides a perfect fit to rehabilitate workers following an injury and provide them with the best in industrial rehab services. Jim's extensive experience in the field of industrial rehabilitation is why clinicians throughout North America train with him to implement and/or enhance very profitable approaches to industrial rehab. Jim has taught clinicians internationally to implement industrial rehab within the smallest of locations that significantly enhances their bottom line. Jim's training and OccuPro's Online Assessment Application provides clinician's referral sources with high quality reports that keep the referrals and revenue flowing.

**Eric Ahonen, ATC, LAT, CFCE**

Eric has focused his career on restoring human performance. He received his Bachelor's Degree in 2009 from Carthage College. His athletic training experience provided a solid foundation for him to transition into industrial rehab in 2010. Eric brings with him, 5 years of experience working in outpatient physical therapy and was a Senior Industrial Rehab Specialist for a large private practice company, where he performed Functional Capacity Evaluations, Functional Progress Notes/ Discharge Summaries, and created hundreds of Work Hardening/Conditioning Programs. His background in sports medicine has allowed him to think outside of the box and create some inventive job simulation and functional tasks for his patients. Eric has performed well over 1,000 functional evaluations using the OccuPro software. Mr. Ahonen has been awarded the highest level of FCE certification and is a Certified Functional Capacity Evaluator. He also has experience working closely with employers and has performed hundreds of Post Offer Employment Tests. Eric's passion for treating the "industrial athlete" and many years of experience make him an asset for anyone looking to build a successful industrial rehab program.

**Paige Shafer, MS, OTR/L, CFCE, CEAS**

Paige Shafer received her Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy from Rush University in Chicago, IL. She has 17 years of clinical experience in hand therapy, industrial rehab, and ergonomics. She has performed hundreds of functional capacity evaluations, including job specific and baseline for disability claims, and has worked in the clinic developing and implementing work hardening/conditioning programs. She is a Certified Functional Capacity Evaluator and a Certified Ergonomic Assessment Specialist. She has performed ergonomic evaluations in the office and industrial environments, and has worked with employers developing job demands analysis and on-site injury prevention programs.

**Thomas Rothery MS, OTR/L, CFCE**

Thomas is the Therapy Manager for the Clearing Clinic's Occupational Health Services in the Chicago area. He received his Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy from Rush University and has focused his practice on industrial rehab, Work Hardening and Functional Capacity Evaluations. He has performed hundreds of Functional Capacity Evaluations including: job specific and baseline FCE's for disability claims and is a Certified Functional Capacity Evaluator. Mr. Rothery has worked closely with employers providing Post Offer Employment Testing, fit for duty return to work examinations, on-site injury prevention, wellness programs, and job demands analysis. A few of the corporate clients Tom has performed these services for include: United Parcel Service, Pactiv, RockTenn, All Truck Transportation, Azteca Foods, Caraustar Inc and many other corporate clients throughout Chicago. Mr. Rothery enjoys teaching other health care professionals on wide varieties of return to work services, and how to effectively implement successful return to work programs.