



# Clinical Reasoning of the Foot + Ankle Complex



## DATE

Friday, October 4 +  
Saturday, October 5, 2024



## LOCATION

Upstate AHEC Training Room  
104 South Venture Drive  
Greenville, SC 29615



## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will cover a detailed assessment and treatment of the foot and ankle complex. A framework for assessing the kinetic chain, clinical reasoning to the findings, and treatment consisting of manual therapy and specific exercise prescription will be provided. Furthermore; topics of footwear, orthotics, and taping will be covered.



## TARGET AUDIENCE

This course is appropriate for beginner and intermediate level PT, OT, PT assistants, and OT assistants. Although reviewed in the course, knowledge of lower extremity anatomy, basic biomechanics, and palpation skills are recommended.



## OBJECTIVES

- Learner will understand the anatomy of the foot and ankle and how it relates to function
- Learner will understand the biomechanics of the lower extremity and how it relates to function
- Learner will be able to perform a thorough lower extremity evaluation and relate it to the foot and ankle complex
- Learner will understand how to treat foot and ankle injuries such as tendinopathy, ligament sprains, and osteochondral defects
- Learner will be able to demonstrate correct ankle mobilization techniques
- Learner will have basic understanding of shoe and orthotic design

**Instructional Method:** Live-Lecture & Hands-On Lab

**Lab Notice:** Participants must dress in lab appropriate clothing. Participants must also wear a mask. Disposable gloves will be provided during the course (to be worn when touching other participants in lab).

**Level of Course:** Beginner // Intermediate



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## SCHEDULE

### Day 1 // Friday, October 4, 2024

8:00-8:30	Registration
8:30-9:00	Introduction and Anatomy
9:00-10:00	Evaluation (pelvis, hip, tibia, rearfoot, talar position)
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:00	Lab
11:00-12:30	Evaluation (midfoot, forefoot, gait, movement debrief)
12:30-1:30	Lunch (on your own)
1:30-2:30	Review and Lab
2:30-4:00	Common pathologies (tendinopathy, sprains, fractures)

### Day 2 // Saturday, October 5, 2024

8:30-9:30	Exercise Prescription
9:30-10:30	Lab & Lecture: Manual therapy of the fibula, talocrural joint, rearfoot, midfoot, soft tissue consideration and techniques
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:00	Orthotic, shoes, and taping lecture



## ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

**Alex Volfson** was originally born in Belarus and immigrated to the United States in 1990. He grew up in Ohio and Georgia, later going to the University of Georgia for his undergraduate degree in Exercise Science. Afterwards, he went on to graduate school at the Medical College of Georgia and graduated with his Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree in 2009. Since graduation he has completed his orthopedic clinical specialist certification and went through a rigorous residency through the Institute of Physical Art. Professionally, he also works with the Greenville Triumph professional soccer club and is in charge of the running analysis lab at Bon Secours St. Francis. When not working, he enjoys spending time with his wife, 2 daughters and dog, exercising, and doing outdoor activities.



## REGISTRATION

**To register:** visit [www.upstateahec.org](http://www.upstateahec.org), click on the CE Tab > Live Courses > October  
For registration issues, please call 864.349.1160.

### Program Fee:

\$48 for Upstate AHEC Consortium Members  
\$160 for non-Upstate AHEC Consortium Members



## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

**Physical Therapists:** This course has been approved for **0.95 CEUs (9.5 contact hours)** by the South Carolina Physical Therapy Association (SCAPTA). Approval Number: CEUL064018

**Occupational Therapists:** This course has been approved for a total of **9.0 CEUs** by the South Carolina Occupational Therapy Association (SCOTA).



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## **MORE INFORMATION**

Successful completion of the program requires attendance for 100 percent of the program and a completed online evaluation by the participant within 10 calendar days of the program date. A certificate of completion will not be made available for you if the evaluation is not completed within this timeframe. No partial credit available.

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