

2008 - 2009 Outcomes Assessment

Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Purpose Statement: Upon completion of the program, the graduate will possess the knowledge necessary to function as an entry level physical therapist assistant.

Goals	Intended Outcomes	Assessment Criteria/Procedures	Assessment Results	Use of Results
To successfully prepare PTA graduates for entry level employment.	85% of students will achieve a passing score of 70% or above on the first attempt of the Exit Exam.	Score Builders Online Advantage Content Area Report	86 % of students in the 2008-2009 graduating class achieved the expected competency level on the first attempt of the Exit Exam.	Outcome met. Continue to monitor.
	By the end of the final clinical rotation, 95% of graduating students will achieve a score of 4/4 on all critical skills on the Clinical Performance Instrument (CPI).	WSCC PTA Program Clinical Performance Instrument	100% of students in the 2008-2009 graduating class achieved the expected competency level by the final clinical rotation.	Outcome met. Continue to monitor.
	85% of students will demonstrate proficiency at or above a score of 80% in physical therapy skills using clinically relevant equipment.	PTA 250/251 Practical Exam Rubrics	79% of students in the 2008-2009 graduating class achieved the expected competency in both classes.	Incorporate clinical practice scenarios into each lab that encourage problem solving.

	<p>80% of PTA graduates will successfully pass the NPTE licensure exam on the first attempt within six months of graduation.</p>	<p>FSBPT NPTE Exam Report</p>	<p>86% of students in the 2008-2009 graduating class achieved the expected competency on the first attempt of the NPTE licensure exam.</p>	<p>Outcome met. Data indicates a score of 72% on the Exit Exam has a stronger passing correlation than the current 70%. Will increase exit threshold.</p>
	<p>85% of employers surveyed will report that the graduates are adequately prepared when entering the workforce.</p>	<p>Employer Survey</p>	<p>86% of employers of a 2008-2009 graduate indicated that the individual was prepared at an entry-level on all content indicators.</p>	<p>Outcome met but low response rate (30%) due to low graduate response. See strategy below.</p>
	<p>90% of graduates will be placed in the field within 6 months of graduation.</p>	<p>Exit Interview / Graduate Survey</p>	<p>100% of the 2008-2009 graduating class was placed in the field within 6 months of graduation.</p>	<p>Outcome met. Continue to monitor.</p>
	<p>90% of graduates will indicate satisfaction with their educational experience.</p>	<p>Graduate Survey</p>	<p>83% responding from the 2008-2009 class indicated that they were fully prepared for the licensure exam and 100% indicated that they were prepared for initial employment.</p>	<p>Outcome met but very low response rate (29%). Will emphasize survey importance during final review class to increase participation.</p>
	<p>75% of students will complete the program within 3 semesters of admission to the program.</p>	<p>Graduation Rates</p>	<p>70% of those that started the 2008-09 cohort graduated as expected within 3 semesters of program admission.</p>	<p>Seeking curriculum approval to add a Pre-Kinesiology course.</p>