PTA PROGRAM GOALS

By graduation time, students have demonstrated basic competency in the following areas, and graduates continue to demonstrate competency in all areas. The connection to the College Expected Outcomes is referenced in the parenthesis at the end of each competency below.

PTA Program Goals/Competencies for Students

Upon graduation from this program, students shall:

1. consistently demonstrate appropriate role utilization of the physical therapist assistant in the application of established treatment interventions as directed by the primary physical therapist. (College Expected Outcome 5)
2. integrate into practice the Guidelines of Ethical Conduct/Standards of Practice for PTAs in an effort to assure safe and proper conduct for all interactions within the profession. (College Expected Outcome 5)
3. demonstrate entry-level competence and skill in the implementation of a comprehensive treatment plan including appropriate modifications according to patient response, patient practitioner interactions, and participation in discharge planning and follow-up. (College Expected Outcome 5)
4. report and communicate regularly with supervising physical therapists regarding patient progress and treatment modifications in accordance with changes in patient status. (College Expected Outcome 5)
5. perform with entry-level competence data collection procedures, integrating the findings of such procedures to the patient’s plan of care. (College Expected Outcome 5)
6. identify and demonstrate consistent behavior of interactions and teaching with healthcare professionals, patients, and their families while providing the desired psycho-social support among diverse populations. (College Expected Outcome 4)
7. demonstrate effective and accurate written and verbal communication skills in documenting the relevant aspects of patient care, including patient response and progress. (College Expected Outcome 5)
8. integrate information obtained from professional literature review into clinical practice as evidenced-based practitioners of physical therapy interventions in keeping with the intent of the APTA’s Vision 2020 statement. (College Expected Outcomes 2,5)
9. demonstrate consistent commitment to lifelong learning through regular participation in continuing education. (College Expected Outcome 2)
10. demonstrate successful performance on state licensure examination. (College Expected Outcome 5)
11. obtain employment as entry-level physical therapist assistant. (College Expected Outcome 5)
12. be aware of continued educational pathways in the profession. (College Expected Outcome 6)

PTA Program Goals for Faculty

The faculty members in the PTA program also have overall goals that help support the program. These goals focus on teaching and learning effectiveness, service to the college, service to the students and service to the community. The connection to the College Expected Outcomes is referenced in the parenthesis at the end of each competency below.

1. The PTA faculty will provide continuing education activities to the physical therapy community. (College Expected Outcome 7)
2. The PTA faculty will demonstrate a commitment to the local community via volunteer activities. (College Expected Outcomes 4)
3. The PTA faculty will demonstrate commitment to the physical therapy profession via continuing education, clinical practice and participation in professional association activities.

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