

PET FORM
Planning and Evaluation Tracking
2012-2013 Assessment Period

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Purpose Statement (With Last Updated Date):

The mission of Amarillo College's OTA program is to attract and retain a peak number of applicants who will progress through the program to graduate and then achieve national certification status enabling students/graduates to enrich their own lives as well as the lives of those in the community they serve. (Updated 9/2012)

Goal Statement #1: [Grow online applicant pool \(AC Strategic Plan through 2015: Strategy 2.3\).](#)

Outcome Statement #1: [Attract and retain a peak number of online applicants so that OTA applications for 2013 number 10 or greater \(AC Strategic Plan through 2015: Task 2.3.1.3\).](#)

- Results

- ATTRACT APPLICANTS:

- **2010-2011 Data:** Numbers = 31 out of 10 and Percentage = 310%
 - **2011-2012 Data:** Numbers = 38 out of 10 and Percentage = 380%

- RETAIN STUDENTS:

- **2010-2011 Data:** Numbers = 10 out of 10 and Percentage = 100%
 - **2011-2012 Data:** Numbers = 22 out of 23 and Percentage = 95.6%

- Analysis

- Two consecutive years a peak number of applicants was attracted and retained. This goal reflects two separate measures and should be made into 2 goals if both segments are included in PET goals 2012-13.
 - This goal supports the strategic plan item 2.3 which includes removing barriers to student success by having an online application process to the OTA program.
 - This goal supports No Excuses process of assessment by using student experience assessment to improve OTA program goals(see action plan goal 1).

- Improvements

- List any Improvements Made in the **2011-2012** (Last Academic) Year: [Online application period open for 8 weeks starting with first day of spring semester. Web page informed students from June of 2011 to January 2012 that application would open on January 20, 2012.](#)
 - Evaluate Why Improvements Were Successful/Were Not Successful: [every student referred by advising or who contacted program director or who visited web page was informed of application period dates.](#)

- What Budget Implications Were Involved with this Improvement? (Please Provide Cost Estimate/Details):
none

- Recommendations/Actions for 2012-2013

- Person Responsible (Who will complete the action?): Program Director
 - Action Plan: Revise goal; make attracting and retaining students separate goals. Revise attracting student segment of goal as follows addressing quality of applicants applying to program to promote student success by progressing semester to semester: **Attract a peak number of applicants so that OTA applications for 2013 number 16 or greater with applicant course points totaling 150+/260.**
 - Expected Time Frame Needed to Implement Action Plan (Please provide specific deadline date): Spring 2013 semester, January 20 to March 20, 2013.
 - What Budget Implications Are Involved with this Action? (Please Provide Cost Estimate/Details): none
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Goal Statement #2: Achieve national certification status.

Outcome Statement #2: OTA graduate will achieve national certification status on first attempt averaging 70% of program graduates over 3 years (No Excuses Goal 5).

- Results Based on results provided by the Nation Board of Certification for Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)
 - **2010 Data:** Numbers = 7 out of 7 and Percentage = 100%
 - **2011 Data:** Numbers = 7 out of 9 and Percentage = 78%
 - **2012 Data** Numbers = 17 out of 24 and Percentage = 71%

 - Analysis
 - Although the program outcome meets the requirement of 70% across 3 years for national accreditation, the percentage each year has declined from 100% to 71%. Larger numbers of students contribute to the possibility of a greater number failing in general given the law of averages.

 - Improvements
 - List any Improvements Made in the **2011-2012** (Last Academic) Year: Used the NBCOT COTA online exam in the last week of class as test prep.
 - Evaluate Why Improvements Were Successful/Were Not Successful: Students received passing/not passing score for test which prompted some to study prior to taking the actual certification exam. Limited follow up from instructor on results of test. More data will need to be gathered and evaluated to know if factors of entering GPA, pass/fail on mock exam and performance on FW are correlated. Full results from NBCOT for all test takers in 2012 are not available until December 2012.
 - What Budget Implications Were Involved with this Improvement? (Please Provide Cost Estimate/Details): none

 - Recommendations/Actions for 2012-2013
 - Person Responsible (Who will complete the action?): Program Director
 - Action Plan: AC will host paid per person review course open to AC students as requirement in final week of Workplace 2330 which will prepare students for national certification examination.
 - Expected Time Frame Needed to Implement Action Plan (Please provide specific deadline date): May 11, 2013
 - What Budget Implications Are Involved with this Action? (Please Provide Cost Estimate/Details): each student cost for materials of Workplace 2330 will increase by \$150.00
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Goal Statement #3: Create marketable OTA graduates (AC Strategic Plan through 2015: Strategy 3.2).

Outcome Statement #3: OTA graduates will enrich their own lives as well as the lived of those in the communities they serve by 80% eligible graduates being employed as OTAs within 4 months of graduation (AC Strategic Plan through 2015: Task 3.2.4).

- Results (If Applicable, Provide Numbers and Percentages for Quantitative Data)
 - **2010 Data:** Numbers = 5 out of 7 and Percentage = 83%
 - **2011 Data:** Numbers = 9 out of 9 and Percentage = 100%
 - **2012 Data:** Numbers = 24 out of 24 and Percentage = 100%

 - Analysis
 - In general, nationwide healthcare and OT particular are in high demand. While OTAs may have limited job options in the immediate service area, graduates who are willing to relocate or travel have no limitation on employment opportunities.
 - This goal supports the strategic plan item 3.2 which includes collaborating with partners in the community by inviting employers from the community to meet soon to be graduates of the OTA program.

 - Improvements
 - List any Improvements Made in the **2011-2012** (Last Academic) Year: Career Launch initiated in 2012 in May before graduation included 6 recruiters from employers of which 5 were regional or national employers with thousands of job opportunities.
 - Evaluate Why Improvements Were Successful/Were Not Successful: Students were in direct contact with employers 1:1 providing opportunities outside of Amarillo, Potter and Randall counties.
 - What Budget Implications Were Involved with this Improvement? (Please Provide Cost Estimate/Details): \$100.00 thank you cards with gift

 - Recommendations/Actions for **2012-2013**
 - Person Responsible (Who will complete the action?): Program Director
 - Action Plan: Continue with Career Launch and expand to double vendors/recruiters present.
 - Expected Time Frame Needed to Implement Action Plan (Please provide specific deadline date): May 15, 2012
 - What Budget Implications Are Involved with this Action? (Please Provide Cost Estimate/Details): \$200.00
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