

PET FORM
Planning and Evaluation Tracking
(2012-2013 Assessment Period)

Division of: Health Sciences

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Department of: Physical Therapist Assistant

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Purpose Statement (With Last Updated Date): In keeping with the mission of Amarillo College, the Physical Therapist Assistant Program has a mission “to provide the student with positive learning experiences within an atmosphere of academic excellence and to assure that the student acquires the knowledge, skills, and other abilities required of the entry-level physical therapist assistant to enhance the service area.” (June 2011)

Goal Statement #1: Attract >50 applicants annually (AC Strategic Plan through 2015: Strategy 2.3).

Outcome/Objective Statement

Fifty or more potential PTA program enrollees will complete an online (2012) application before the deadline as tracked by campus relations (2012) or the PTA program director (2011-2012) (AC Strategic Plan through 2015: Task 2.3.1.3).

- Results (Provide Numbers and Percentages for Quantitative Data)
 - **2009-2010 Data:** Numbers = 32 out of 50 and Percentage = 64%
 - **2010-2011 Data:** Numbers = 54 out of 50 and Percentage = 108%
 - **2011-2012 Data:** Numbers = 58 out of 50 = 116%
 - Analysis
 - Use of online applications for the first time in 2009 increased number of applicants. Besides increasing the quantity of applicants, the online application forms appear to have increased the diversity of applicants in previous education level, gender, race, and location.
 - Improvements
 - Online application less costly for college as application packets are not printed for those interested nor those
 - Still have students who are not understanding the online application process – need to streamline the process to make it more understandable as well as user friendly.
 - Recommendations/Actions for 2012-2013
 - Person Responsible (Who will complete the action?): David White , Kelly Jones, and Melissa Eder
 - Action Plan: Have online application open for 8 weeks at start of 2013 spring semester. Collaborate to create a user friendly format to explain the application process
 - Expected Time Frame Needed to Implement Action Plan (Please provide specific deadline date): Collaboration/creation of documents and clarification of web info prior to February 1st application period
 - Budget Information Needed for Future Action (Cost/Details):None at present
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**Goal Statement #2: Retain 90% or greater of each cohort annually (fall to fall)
(AC Strategic Plan through 2015: Strategy 2.3).**

Outcome/Objective Statement

Ninety percent of PTA students initially enrolled in a fall cohort will progress through the program successfully completing each semester to the following fall as determined by headcount (AC Strategic Plan through 2015: Task 2.3.1.3).

- Results (Provide Numbers and Percentages for Quantitative Data)
 - **2009-2010 Data:** Unable to use secondary to change in program formatting – new curriculum plan in effect Fall 2010; students enrolled in PTHA classes in fall 2009 were not accepted into the program
 - **2010-2011 Data:** Numbers = 15 out of 22 = 68.2%
 - **2011-2012 Data: Numbers = 18 out of 24= 75%**
 - Analysis
 - The 2011-12 data indicates improvements in student retention from fall to fall; however, the program is not yet at its goal of 90% retention from fall to fall.
 - Improvements
 - Student Retention has improved to 75% from 68.2% from fall to fall. Additionally, two of the students decided to withdraw from the program due to personal rather than academic reasons.
 - Provide the Budget Information Needed to Make Past Improvements (Cost/Details): None at present
 - Recommendations/Actions for 2012-2013
 - Person Responsible (Who will complete the action?):Program faculty
 - Action Plan:
 - The program will implement changes in the admission process to further increase the number of points required for PTA candidates and to change observation hour requirements so that students are better prepared for entry into the PTA program.
 - Expected Time Frame Needed to Implement Action Plan (Please provide specific deadline date): Admission changes are to be implemented for the application period beginning February 1, 2013.
 - Budget Information Needed for Future Action (Cost/Details): No budget changes identified at this time.
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Goal Statement #3: Graduate 80% or more of each cohort annually (AC Strategic Plan through 2015: Strategy 1.5).

Outcome/Objective Statement

(Be sure to include audience, behavior, conditions, degree/benchmark, and evaluation method):

Eighty percent of PTA students initially enrolled in a cohort will progress through the program successfully completing each semester to graduation in 22 months as determined by headcount (AC Strategic Plan through 2015: Task 1.5.1).

- Results (Provide Numbers and Percentages for Quantitative Data)
 - **2009-2010 Data:** Numbers = 14 out of 21 and Percentage =66.7%
 - **2010-2011 Data:** Numbers = 15 out of 22 and Percentage = 68.2%
 - Analysis
 - Program has not yet met this standard but continues to demonstrate improvement in retention rates.
 - Improvements
 - Implemented policies to decrease the total number of students admitted to the PTA program to 20, to prohibit students who have been unsuccessful in attempts to complete the program from returning to the PTA program and entering with a new cohort, and offering two lab sections (each with 10 students) for lab courses.
 - Recommendations/Actions for 2012-2013
 - Person Responsible (Who will complete the action?):Program Faculty
 - Action Plan: The program has attempted to improve student retention by providing a smaller instructor/student ratio but needs to continue to assess the effectiveness of these changes as well as the impact of teaching multiple lab sections on faculty.
 - Expected Time Frame Needed to Implement Action Plan (Please provide specific deadline date): Action plan has been initiated but needs to continue to be assessed.
 - Budget Information Needed for Future Action (Cost/Details): No budget changes identified at this time.
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Goal Statement #4: Achieve 70% or greater pass rate among first time licensure exam results for candidates over a three year period (No Excuses: Goal III).

Outcome/Objective Statement

Ninety-five percent of PTA students graduating from AC's PTA program over a rolling three year period will pass the state licensure exam on first attempt as determined by result reports.

- Results (Provide Numbers and Percentages for Quantitative Data)
 - **2009-2010 Data:** Numbers = 13 out of 13 and Percentage = 100%
 - **2010-2011 Data:** Numbers = 13 out of 14 and percentage = 92.9% (however, 2 graduates have not yet tested)
 - **2011-2012:** Numbers = 15 out of 16 = 93.8%
- Analysis
 - Benchmark was met 2009-2010 but program has not been able to meet the benchmark for the last two years since one graduate has not passed the exam on the first attempt for the last two years.

The program will either have to have a 100% pass rate to meet the benchmark or will have to increase the number of graduates taking the exam.

- **Improvements**

- The number of students taking licensure exam after graduation has increased this year. This increase may be attributable to changes in the Texas licensing process for PTA's as well as changes in faculty instruction regarding the licensing process (Issues in Health Care is now taught as a hybrid course which allows ongoing communication about licensure while students are completing clinical affiliations.)

- **Recommendations/Actions for 2012-2013**

- Person Responsible (Who will complete the action?): Program director
 - Action Plan: Students purchase online practice test for Issues in Health Care, beginning to assess need for review courses prior to testing as well as implementation of online review assignments.
 - Expected Time Frame Needed to Implement Action Plan (Please provide specific deadline date): Students enrolled in Issues in Health Care in Spring 2012 purchased online review test, will continue to assess the effectiveness of this intervention in terms of the first-time pass rate
 - Budget Information Needed for Future Action (Cost/Details): students are responsible for cost of online review test
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