



Planning and Evaluation Tracking

College Year: 2008-2009

Division of: Allied Health

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Purpose Statement: The Amarillo College Physical Therapist Assistant program is dedicated to providing quality technical preparation including didactic, laboratory, and clinical education that complies with all requirements of the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in order to prepare students for entry level employment in the profession of Physical Therapy so that they may enhance the quality of life in the community through the direct provision of services to persons of all ages with a wide variety of medical conditions.

Goal Statements	Objectives/Outcomes (including assessment tools and standards)	Results	Use of Results (including improvements and revisions)
1. Provide comprehensive understanding of introductory Physical Therapist Assistant knowledge	1. 90% of program graduates will pass licensure exam on first attempt as confirmed by ECPTOTE.	1. At least 91.7% (11 out of 12) graduates who took the exam passed on the first attempt. PTA program has been unable to contact 12 th graduate to determine if licensure occurred on 1 st or 2 nd attempt.	1. At this point, this pass rate is consistent with PTA program goals. Will continue to push towards 100% first-time pass rate.
2. Identify and promote student goal attainment (PTA.AAS).	2. 60% of students in a group of cohorts will complete the PTA curriculum annually within 2 years of acceptance to the program.	2. 13 of the 24 students or 54.2% admitted to the PTA program in Spring 2007 graduated in May 2008.	2. Have instituted use of collaborative learning techniques in many courses in the PTHA curriculum. Piloting use of "clickers" in PTHA courses.

3.Encourage PTA graduate employment pattern that sets 4 months as the norm.	3. 90% of program graduates will be employed as licensed Physical Therapist Assistants within 4 months after graduation.	3. 12 of 13 or 92.3% of program graduates employed as licensed Physical Therapist Assistants within 4 months of the May 2008 graduation. Remaining graduate has started courses Amarillo College's Nursing program.	3.Implemented PT job fair in January 2008. Will continue to explore further job placement opportunities for PTA students.
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