


# Advisory Committee Minutes

<b>PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME:</b>		Physical Therapist Assistant			
<b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Aaron Delong				
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	12-1-2023	<b>Meeting Time</b>	12:00 noon	<b>MEETING PLACE:</b>	AC Allied Health Building Room 130
<b>RECORDER:</b>	Janet Barton			<b>PREVIOUS MEETING:</b>	
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>					
<b>List all members of the committee, then place an X in the box left of name if present</b>					
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AGENDA ITEM	ACTION DISCUSSION INFORMATION	RESPONSIBILITY
Call to Order	Aaron DeLong – Welcome and Introductions	
Approval of Minutes	N/A	
Health Science Advisor Report	Jessica stated that she has been busy meeting with students, getting them green-lighted.	Jessica Sanchez
Student Report	<p><b>Zoe Fry 1<sup>st</sup> year</b> – Zoe stated they have been practicing transferring safely. This ties to everything. She mentioned she is looking forward to clinicals.</p> <p><b>Tatum Meadows 2<sup>nd</sup> year</b> – Tatum stated she has completed the 1<sup>st</sup> round of clinicals. It has been a great experience. Plans to be a Dr. of Physical Therapy. Tatum mentioned the Instructors have been helpful and really care. Pam was able to place Tatum in several different clinical sites. She stated she appreciates being invited to the sites.</p>	
Affiliation Reports	<p><b>Misty Miller TTUSHSC</b> – Misty mentioned there might be opportunities for PT-PTA Events. Potential for events to move student through. Sue agreed this would be a good idea. Reach out to Misty</p> <p><b>Russell Lees – Union County Hospital</b> – Russell mentioned Pam does a great job. Students can be a little timid at first. Need to be more assertive. Loves having AC students at their facility.</p> <p><b>Aaron Delong- Amarillo Strength and Balance</b> -Aaron mentioned they don't take a lot of students...one from each round. They hired all students from last round. All of the students have good skills and good interaction with patients. Very impressed. Aaron stated he would be happy to consult on equipment. John Smoot told the committee that we will be building a pool of standardized patients for Programs. Using non-familiar will be more beneficial. Expand level of training. Joe Chris stated he would love to help. Misty Miller stated they use standardized patients now.</p> <p><b>Audrey Lamberson</b> – Dumas Physical Therapy – Audrey stated they used to do a campus clinic. They would treat patients at least one day a month. Audrey mentioned there is a huge improvement on the quality of the student in last five years. Love to have students at their facility because they have the option to hire the student.</p> <p><b>Joe Chris Rodriguez</b> – Joe stated he has good relationship with Amarillo College. He mentioned being around others who have been in the same situation is a real benefit. PTA and OTA students participated in the wheelchair basketball event. Everyone had fun and also learned from the experience.</p> <p><b>AJ Ledesma</b> – Physical Therapy Today – AJ stated the quality of the students is really good. They have hired two of our students. He stated the students need</p>	

	<p>a better grasp of outpatient orthopedics and true orthopedic injuries. They are doing a great job on acute care. Sue mentioned that in 2016 they combined neuro and ortho classes and are special topics. She needs to look at other schools on these topics. Sue mentioned she wants to add a lab to the program.</p> <p><b>Lydia Hendon</b> – KPC Promise Hospital – Students have good knowledge of book. If they are given symptoms, they are not able to diagnose. Suggest working on symptoms and diagnosing. Lydia stated the quality of the students is really good. Need to bridge the gap between books and clinics. Suggest the PTA and PT come up with case study and treatment. Pam mentioned she tries to send the students with a PT.</p>	
<b>Faculty Report</b>	<p><b>Pam Quintanilla</b> - Pam stated they have a good group of students. Currently they are down to 13. The new class will have 22. Working on moving them forward. Students are engaged with each other. Wants/need – PTA does not have a lot of space. They are able to use a lab in the Nursing area. Any feedback is appreciated. Would like to have someone in the field come help if you have time.</p>	
<b>Director's Report</b>	<p><b>Sue Vandagriff</b> – Sue reviewed the strategic plan – Completers and Transfers. They encourage students to complete and move forward to PT School.</p> <p><b>Align Degree</b> – Need to create economic diversification in the Amarillo area. Sue mentioned New Mexico has a severe shortage of PTs and PTAs.</p> <p><b>Learning</b> – Sue stated they are always looking at different ways to teach. Develop high impact practices. Sue mentioned that they want to make sure we are graduating enough qualified PTAs for our local area.</p> <p><b>Financial Effectiveness</b> – we need to build systems for financial viability and fund raising. Questions we need to ask *Do our graduates obtain well-paying jobs? *Do our graduates perform well as employees? *Do graduate's numbers match the future labor market needs for our area?</p> <p><b>AC PTA program goals</b> – Sue reviewed the PTA Program Goals. (see PowerPoint) mentioned that the program would not be successful without the clinical sites. Sue reviewed program Sequence. PT Fall I - 11 credit hours 1301, 1405, 1413. 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Semester 11 semester hours. 2409, 1321, 1431. Summer Semester- 2301, 1260, 5 semester hours. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Semester – 2435, 2431, 1391, 11 semester hours. 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Semester – 2317, 2567, 8 semester hours. Total hours 66(Total Hours in PTA technical portion – 46 hrs).</p> <p><b>PTA program Assessment</b> –PTA program utilizes the Practice and Examination and Assessment Tool (Peat) which is provided by the Fed. Of State Boards of Physical Therapy. The PEAT is a retired licensing test that is available to academic organizations to provide more accurate testing results for PTA students. Achieving a minimum score of 600/800 (same as the NPTE)</p> <p>Sue reviewed Completion Rates Need to improve persistence, increase</p>	

	<p>completers, decrease time to complete. The goal of the program is 100% first time pass for the NPTE.</p> <p><b>Graduation and Retention Rates</b> – Fall 2023 81.25% has continued to fall since 2020 when the graduation rate was 95.2%. Sue mentioned they have lost several students. Need to improve on this. Sue reviewed graduation and retention rates. Russell Lees asked what we need to do to improve. Implementing an interview process was discussed. Kim Boyd mentioned that maybe we can have a company complete interviews. Discussion on how students are chosen for the program. Several of the committee members stated they would be willing to help with interviews.</p> <p><b>Licensure Pass Rate and Employment Rates</b> – Sue reviewed the Licensure Pass rates and Employment rates. Received License and employed as PTA within 6 months – Last four years 100%. First Time Licensure Pass rate last four years in 69.4%. Need to improve this number.</p>	
<b>Dean of Health Professions</b>	<b>Kim Boyd</b> mentioned that AC has full insurance coverage...needle stick accidents in particular. Working on a grant to help with technology. PTA can benefit from this. Understaffed at this time but have a new PT person starting in January.	
<b>CCHCE</b>	<b>Melissa Burns</b> - Melissa stated she would like to work with the PTA Program on an event. They have not held an event for PTA in the past. John and Melissa will be working closely on an advanced certificate.	
<b>Perkins Basic Grant</b>	<b>Linda Munoz</b> – Linda Mentioned she is with the Perkins Basic Grant (Federal Funding) Perkins changed in 2018. We have to show why we have our programs for Perkins every two years. Our Clinical sites are very important. They need to tell us what we need to better train our students.	
<b>Perkins Liaison</b>	Jordan Ramos – 2 <sup>nd</sup> day in new position. Looking forward to working with programs.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	1:33	1 <sup>st</sup> – Russell Lees, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lydia Hendon
Date: 2-13-2024	Executive Secretary Signature: 	Next Meeting: Fall 2024

**Physical Therapy Assistant  
Business Leadership Council Meeting  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

1. Welcome and introductions – Aaron DeLong
2. Student Report – Zoe Fry, Tatum Meadows
3. Health Sciences Advisor – Jessica Sanchez
4. Perkins Grant – Linda Munoz, Jordan Ramos
5. Affiliation Reports
  - Misty Miller – Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
  - Wes Young – Jan Werner Adult Day Care Center
  - Russell Lees – Union County Hospital
  - Aaron DeLong- Amarillo Strength and Balance
  - Audrey Lamberson – Dumas Physical Therapy
  - Joe Chris Rodriguez – Community Rep One Chair at a time
  - AJ Ledesma – Physical Therapy Today
  - Lydia Handon – KPC Promise Hospital LLC
6. Director of Continuing Healthcare Education – Melissa Burns
7. Faculty Report – Pam Quintanilla
8. Director's Report – Sue Vandagriff



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**excuses**

**2025**

**STRATEGIC PLAN**





# Strategic Plan

1. Completion: Comprehensive Transfer/ Completion Pathways
2. Align Degrees with Labor Market Demand: Create Economic Diversification in the Texas Panhandle
3. Learning: Infuse and Scale High Impact Practices
4. Love: Build Systems to Love Students to Success
5. Financial Effectiveness: Build Systems for Financial Viability and Fund Raising





# Strategic Plan

Do our graduates obtain well-paying jobs?

Do our graduates perform well as employees?

Do graduate numbers match the future labor market needs for our area?



# AC PTA PROGRAM GOALS

- Produce clinically competent graduates who will be able to work as entry-level physical therapist assistants under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist.
- Produce graduates who can exhibit effective critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- Produce graduates who can express effective oral, written, and nonverbal communication skills in a culturally competent manner with patients and their families, and other health care providers.
- Provide students with positive learning experiences and a curriculum based on current physical therapy practice within an atmosphere of academic excellence.
- Promote the importance of continuing personal and professional development through life-long learning opportunities and membership in professional organizations.

# PTA Program Sequence

## **1<sup>st</sup> Fall Semester (Accepted into the PTA Program)**

PTHA 1301: Profession of Physical Therapy

PTHA 1405: Basic Patient Care Skills

PTHA 1413: Functional Anatomy

SEMESTER TOTAL – 11 semester hours

## **1<sup>st</sup> Spring Semester**

PTHA 2409: Therapeutic Exercise

PTHA 1321 Pathophysiology

PTHA 1431 Physical Agents

SEMESTER TOTAL - 11 semester hours

# PTA Program Sequence

## Summer Semester

PTHA 2301 Essentials of Data Collection

PTHA 1260: Clinical I

SEMESTER TOTAL – 5 semester hours

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Semester

PTHA 2435: Rehabilitation Techniques

PTHA 2431: Management of Neurological Disorders

PTHA 1391 Special Topics in Physical Therapist Assistant

SEMESTER TOTAL – 11 semester hours



# PTA Program Sequence

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Semester**

PTHA 2317: Issues in Health Care

PTHA 2567: Practicum I

SEMESTER TOTAL - 8 semester hours

**Total hours 66 (Total hours in PTA technical portion - 46 hours)**

# PTA Program Assessment

- Since January 2018 the PTA program utilizes the Practice and Examination and Assessment Tool (PEAT) provided by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.
- The PEAT is an actual retired licensing test that is made available to academic organizations in order to provide more accurate testing results for PTA students.
- Achieving a minimum score of 600/800 (identical to the requirement to pass the NPTE) on the PEAT is a requirement for graduation.



# Completion

Improve persistence

Increase completers

Decrease time-to-completion

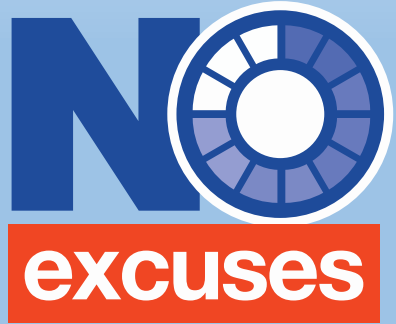
The goal of the program is 100% first time pass for the national board exam (NPTE).

# Graduation and Retention Rates

Class Graduating	# of Applicants Meeting Admission Requirements	# New Applicants Entering Program	# Graduating on Expected Date	# Graduating with Extended Time	Ultimate Graduation Rate
Fall 2023	70	20	9	4	81.25%
Fall 2022	88	18	14	1	93.3%
Fall 2021	74	22	17	2	94.7%
Fall 2020	82	24	19	1	95.2%







**Questions?**  
**Discussion?**



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