

Vision for the Del Mar College PTA Program

The Vision of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Del Mar College is to graduate competent Physical Therapist Assistants that meet the challenges of today's changing health care environment. The Del Mar College Physical Therapist Assistant program will be a leader in providing new and innovative educational offerings that reach out to the entire Physical Therapy Community.

Goals of the PTA Program

1. Graduate 20 students with a 100% pass rate for first attempt (75% is the National Average)
2. Achieve entry level competence in a safe and effective manner.
3. Apply the Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice for Physical Therapy, and the rules of the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.
4. Establish a proactive approach to lifelong learning and community involvement.
5. Develop first online PTA program in Texas and 3rd in nation
6. Offer problem based learning courses within the curriculum
7. Develop agreement with US Army/Navy (Ft. Sam Houston – San Antonio) to create a seamless transition from military to civilian workforce as a licensed PTA.
8. Develop on campus pro bono physical therapy clinic.
9. Develop first Enhanced Skill Certificate program for PTAs in the US in all 4 practice patterns
10. Increase training of clinical instructors and the variety of clinic education sites
11. Assure academic policies and procedures are consistent for immunizations
12. Assure that HOBET exam score is a good indicator for student success in program.

Strengths

- 10 years experience
- 94- 100% Current Pass Rate
- Faculty have been awarded at state and national level
- Facilities
- Adequate support from administration

Weaknesses

- Need more faculty to achieve goals
- Need more time to write grants
- Need more time and faculty to develop online courses

Opportunities

- More faculty means more opportunities
- More faculty means more time to develop grants and online component
- Professional Development / enhanced skill program can be expanded

Threats

- Other PT and PTA programs encroach on our service area clinical placement without our approval