

Nova Southeastern University

Physician Assistant Department-Jacksonville

Mission, Goals and Outcomes

Mission Statement

NSU Physician Assistant Department—Jacksonville

To provide an exemplary educational experience, which emphasizes primary medical care, yet will enable graduates to manifest competency and skill in a variety of clinical environments; to develop the necessary skills to pursue lifelong learning; to foster leadership qualities, which will enable graduates to improve access to quality, affordable health care; and to heighten the status of the Physician Assistant profession.

Goals

1. Produce competent graduates to provide primary health care.
2. Increase accessibility of quality health care in the primary care setting.
3. Develop the necessary skills for life-long learning and leadership roles and promote the Physician Assistant profession.

Mission Supported Goal	Measures of Success	Outcomes * Data presented from the last 5 years
Produce competent graduates to provide primary health care.	PANCE Performance	Program Goal: Meet/Exceed the national average for First Time Test Taker Average Pass Rate for the Program (2014 National average 95%, Jacksonville 92%). Program: 88% Five Year First Time Test Taker Average Pass Rate for the Program (National Average: 94%).
	Student Attrition Rate	Program Goal: < 5% from each class Overall Student Attrition Rate: < 2.5%
	Preceptor Feedback	Preceptors report excellent quality of students who contribute significantly to the health care team while on clinical rotations. Many of our preceptors have hired our graduates.
	Graduate Survey Data (Total response n=14: CO2011 n=3, CO2012 n=4, CO2013 n=7)	86% & 93% of respondents agree that the Program prepared them well for obtaining a patient history and performing physical exams, respectively. 86% & 93% of respondents agree that the Program prepared them well for developing treatment plans and delivering patient education, respectively.

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Increase accessibility of quality health care in the primary care setting.	Graduate Survey Data (n=14)	21% of respondents report working in primary care.
	National Repayment Program for Primary Care	Program: 100% of students informed of grant availability. Two applicants from class of 2014 applied. Note: this program is available to qualified applicants.
Develop student skills necessary for life-long learning and leadership roles and promotion of the Physician Assistant profession.	Faculty Involvement in PA organizations	<p>Faculty involved with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two are members of the PAEA Rotation Exam Review Committee (RERC). -Five are members of the editorial review board and one assistant editor for the NSU Internet Journal of Allied Health Sciences and Practice. -One member of the PAEA Committee on Didactic Education. -Four member reviewers of the PAEA annual student writing competition. (This competition was suspended in April 2014).
	Student Involvement in PA organizations	<p>Students involved with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -2012 SAAPA National Medical Challenge Bowl Champions. -2013 third place winners, SAAPA National Medical Challenge Bowl. -2014 FAPA award for achieving the highest membership percentage in the 15th annual student membership drive. -2013 and 2014 FAPA outstanding student society award for annual scrapbook competition. -2014 AAPA 95% membership. -2014 second place winners, SAAPA National Medical Challenge Bowl. - 2012 Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants (SDPA) Junior Student Coordinator: 3 year commitment. - 2013 SDPA Junior Student Coordinator: 3 year commitment. - 2014 SDPA Junior Student Coordinator: 3 year commitment.

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	Community Service Involvement	Faculty and student participation in multiple community events, such as elementary school hearing and vision screening exams for St. John's County, Pee Wee and Pop Warner football participation physical exams for St. John's County, athletic participation physical exams for Duval County Schools, pre-vocational training physical exams on the homeless in downtown Jacksonville, blood pressure screening exams in conjunction with the Orange Park Medical Center Health-to-You program.
	Research	National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health (NIIOH) research grant to educate primary care PAs on protecting and promoting oral health and preventing dental disease.
	Life-long learning skills development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Introduction of life-long learning concept in the Introduction to the PA Profession course. -Graduate Professional Success (GPS) Series monthly lunch and learn, hosted by student affairs. -Guided Graduate (Evidence Based Medicine) Literature Review Project. -Simulation group work. -Small group participation in projects utilizing Problem Based Learning techniques.