

Nova Southeastern University

Physician Assistant Department-Orlando

Mission, Goals and Outcomes

Mission Statement

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, patient-centered health care; and to heighten the status of the Physician Assistant profession in the community.

Goals

1. Produce qualified, competent graduates to practice in primary health care.
2. Increase quality and accessibility of patient-centered health care in the primary care setting.
3. Develop the necessary skills for life-long learning, leadership roles and promotion the Physician Assistant profession in the community.

Mission Supported Goal	Measures of Success	Outcomes (updated 2019)
Produce qualified graduates to practice in primary health care	Meet/Exceed the National Average for First Time Test Takers	(2018 National average 98%, Orlando 100%). Program: 100% Five Year First Time Test Taker Average Pass Rate for the Program (National Average: 96%).
	Academic Attrition Rate < 5%	Overall Academic Attrition Rate: 0.0%
	Preceptor Evaluation of Student > 3 (r=1-5)	Preceptors report excellent quality of students who contribute significantly to the health care team while on clinical rotations. Average rating for class 2019=4.78 (r=1-5). Many of our preceptors have hired our graduates.

Meet core competencies for new PA graduates.	Graduate Exit Survey Data > 3 (r=1-5) on Key Measures (Total n=54)	Respondents agreed/strongly agreed (4.83, r=1-5) that the Program prepared them well for clinical practice as a PA. Respondents agreed that they would recommend the program to others (4.76, r=1-5). Respondents scored the overall curriculum as satisfactory (4.74, r=1-5), the overall clinical year experiences as satisfactory (4.31, r=1-5)
	Competency in the following areas: -Patient Centered Knowledge -Society and Population Health -Health Literacy and Communication -Interprofessional Collaborative Practice and Leadership -Professional and Legal Aspects of Health Care -Health Care Finance and Systems	Updated curriculum excel spreadsheet

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Increase quality and accessibility of patient-centered health care in the primary care setting	Graduate Alumni Survey Data for prior 3 years	52% of respondents report working in primary care with 13% in underserved communities, 9% in health departments, and 30% in urban health centers.
	National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program	-100% of students informed of NHSC availability. Students from each class (1 to 5) have applied for the scholarship since 2012. A student in Class of 2017 selected for the scholarship
	Community Health Collaborative Service Initiative Award (NSU)	-A student from the Class of 2017, 2018 & 2019 was awarded the inaugural Community Health

Develop the necessary skills for life-long learning, leadership roles and promotion the Physician Assistant profession in the community	Faculty Involvement in PA Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Faculty members have presented lectures at local and regional conferences. - Faculty members are active members of the state PA organization and attend PAEA functions. -All faculty members participate in continuing medical education opportunities at National AAPA, state FAPA, and regional conferences. -All faculty members earn the required CME and are NCCPA certified.
	Student involvement in PA organizations	<p>Students involved with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -SAAPA: National Medical Challenge Bowl and attending national AAPA conference -Florida Academy of PA: attending the student track of the conferences and competing in the State Medical Challenge Bowl -Presented posters at the FAPA Winter meeting

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Develop the necessary skills for life-long learning, leadership roles and promotion the Physician Assistant profession in the community	Community Service Involvement	<p>Faculty and student participation in multiple community events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Medical mission trip to Guatemala (SGA sponsored event) -Medical mission trip to Puerto Rico (NSU sponsored event) -Sports physicals for underserved -Medical Tent for DisneyRun Marathons -Other community events (Clean the World)

	<p>Research</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -One student's graduate project research review article was published in a PA peer-reviewed journal. -Each student completes a graduate research review project - most are of publishable quality -Dual degree enrollment available for MMSc/MPH -Research Day -Grants
	<p>Life-long learning skills development</p> <p>*Alumni involvement in the program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Introduction of life-long learning concept in the Introduction to the PA Profession course. With ongoing emphasis throughout the PA curricula -Medical Simulation to enhance team-based learning -Small group participation in projects utilizing student-centered and problem-based learning techniques