

Physical Therapist Assistant Program Information

TTC Mission:

Educate the individual. Accelerate the economy. Inspire the future.

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The mission of the Trident Technical College Physical Therapist Assistant Program is to provide a community based two-year educational program that prepares students for opportunities and responsibilities in a rapidly changing healthcare environment. The program seeks to graduate physical therapist assistants who have acquired the necessary education/knowledge that will serve as a catalyst for professional and societal growth to enhance the future health and wellness of the community.

Student/Graduate Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program, the entry-level graduate will:

1. Demonstrate competency in physical therapy interventions including therapeutic exercise techniques, gait and transfer training, modalities and functional training and application of devices and equipment, including accurately collect relevant physical therapy data.
2. Demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving ability sufficient for clinical judgement in the determination and safe treatment for the patient within the physical therapist's plan of care.
3. Demonstrate appropriate and effective written, oral, and nonverbal communication with patients and their families, colleagues, faculty and the public.
4. Exhibit professional behavior relative to self-responsibility, work behaviors, time management, interpersonal skills and cultural competence.
5. Practice within the legal, ethical, and regulatory framework of physical therapy and standards of practice.
6. Display the basis of a solid foundation for lifelong learning in physical therapy.

Program Goals

In order to achieve the program's mission, the mission of the Health Sciences Division and the mission of the college, The TTC PTA program will:

1. Offer curriculum to include academic and clinical education that prepares graduates for entry level positions as physical therapist assistants.
2. Recruit and admit students in accordance with TTC's non-discriminatory admission requirements. Students will be admitted to the PTA program on a first-qualified, first-admitted basis to allow opportunities for all students within the community to have equal opportunity for enrollment.
3. Ensure that the program has the equipment, educational materials, research and reference resources, and current technology to offer comprehensive physical therapist assistant education.
4. Provide competent faculty with the training and education necessary to teach effectively and to impart up-to-date content reflective of current practice.

5. Assess and evaluate the curriculum and program graduates on a regular basis to determine if the program's mission and objectives are being achieved.

Faculty Goals

The faculty of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program will:

1. Provide an environment that is conducive to success for all students, in the academic setting but fostered through life experiences and professional pursuits.
2. Provide instruction that encourages open communication, teamwork, mutual respect and continual assessment and improvement of the educational process.
3. Demonstrate competency in contemporary physical therapy practice and current educational methodology.