

ASSESSMENT WEBSITE INFORMATION

**College: Nursing and Health Professions Degree Program: Physical Therapy Assistant
Chair/Director: Becky Keith, PT, MSHS**

DATA SAY:

In accordance with the Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy

Education, the Physical Therapist Assistant program includes 12 criteria in the annual program assessment process. The criteria are as follows:

- 1) Institutional Policies and Procedures**
- 2) Program Policies and Procedures**
- 3) Resources**
- 4) Mission, Philosophy, Goals and Objectives**
- 5) Curriculum**
- 6) Clinical Education Program**
- 7) Performance of Recent Graduates**
- 8) Admissions Process, Criteria and Prerequisites**
- 9) Program Enrollment**
- 10) Core Faculty**
- 11) Adjunct and Supporting Faculty**
- 12) Clinical Education Faculty**

Following the most recent accreditation on-site visit (September 2011) and subsequent Commission meeting (April 2012), the Physical Therapist Assistant Program was granted reaffirmation of accreditation with commendation effective until June 2022.

SO WHAT:

Currently, the Physical Therapist Assistant Program meets all assessment criteria.



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HOW WE CHANGED:

The program performs an annual assessment of the above criteria to identify areas of strength as well as areas in need of improvement. This process is followed with an action plan to address any areas of concern. Following the most recent program assessment (May 2012), the areas that are receiving additional focus in the upcoming academic year are: 1) evaluation of the impact of decreasing program prerequisite courses required to meet Act 747 guidelines. The PTA program decreased the required credit hours from 72-74 to 63; 2) identifying and securing necessary program equipment to enhance student learning; 3) analyzing the newly released licensure exam content to ensure that all areas are adequately covered in the curriculum; 4) making necessary changes to the application process to include a better evaluation of academic preparation of the applicants; 5) strive for better return rate/feedback from program graduates and their employers.

WHAT WE GOT:

We will continue to monitor the goals / outcome measures.

