



COMPREHENSIVE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2020-2021

Complete Program Title Physical Therapist Assistant			
Program Director/Coordinator Sharon Reid			
Division Allied Health and Nursing	Division Chair Dr. Nancy Perry		
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Please provide the following information about the program based on the results of the Program Review. Use a bulleted format and do not exceed one page (front and back).

1. Synopses of the significant findings

- The PTA program self-study report, an assessment by all communities of interest (students, graduates, employers and clinical instructors) and reviewed by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), indicates that the program has met the highest performance standards.
- The self-study, assessment, and program reviews confirm that the program has addressed even minor shifts in student performance in didactic and lab as well as clinical affiliations (CPI) and the national licensure examination first time pass rate in 2021 was 100%
- The challenge for the program is the proliferation of PTA programs in the state, and while student performance is the highest priority, promotion of the PTA program throughout the region is important. The production of a video will help solidify our relationship with the community.

2. Strengths of the program

- Long-term, consistent faculty.
- High expectations and requirements for students.
- Consistently high performance on the licensure examination.
- Graduates greatly desired by employers due to their ability to “hit the ground running”.

3. **Weaknesses of the program**

- Proliferation of PTA programs, which may draw qualified applicants to another program.
- Decreased number and perceived quality of applicants.
- Difficulty maintaining inpatient clinical sites due to changes in supervision and COVID.

4. **Plans for Improvement including timeline**

- Increase marketing of the program, including personal interaction within the PT community, particularly those facilities that may be contacted by newer competing programs (ongoing).
- 50% of new clinical instructors will be Carroll graduates (12/22).
- Re-start alumni activities, such as the annual picnic, as soon as is safe. This was a well- attended and appreciated activity (Fall 2022).
- Increase inpatient available placements by 50% (December 2023).

5. **Identification of weaknesses or deficiencies from the previous review and the status of improvements implemented or accomplished**

None

6. **Budget/position requests**

- Adjunct faculty needed, but no new full-time positions.
 - Replacement equipment:
 - Chattanooga Intellect Combo XT with cart \$4,200
 - Chattanooga Traction unit \$4,500
 - Functional Physiological Human Skeleton with stand \$1,850
 - Functional Disarticulated Skelton \$1,110
 - Clinical instructor appreciation items \$1,250
- TOTAL \$12,910

Signatures

Sharon Reid January 31, 2022
Program Director/Coordinator Date

Nancy N. Perry, DNP, RN, CNE February 1, 2022
Division Chair Date

Melody L. Moore, Ph.D. May 19, 2022
Associate Vice President for Program Development and Partnerships Date