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# UND SMHS Strategic Plan Individual Unit Report for 2021

## GOAL 2 for **Physical Therapy**

### LEARNING

**One UND Strategic Plan Goal 2: Increase undergraduate, graduate, and professional graduation rates.**  
**UND SMHS Strategic Plan Goal 2: SMHS Units will expand their current systems of student support to ensure continued high graduation rates and improve student satisfaction with the overall quality of their education.**

#### 1. Describe if/how your unit has addressed this goal.

Part of the department's annual assessment plan is to report graduation rates for DPT students and National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) first time and overall pass rates. Student satisfaction is assessed through multiple survey methods to different groups: 1. Pre-Physical Therapy students complete a survey on satisfaction of advising appointments. 2. Faculty obtain SELFI course specific data for each course taught in the professional DPT program. 3. Surveys of year 1, year 3, and alumni (one-year post-graduation) to assess the curriculum, faculty performance, and overall rating of the professional program. 4. Small group listening sessions with year 3 students prior to final clinical experience.

#### 2. Describe how your efforts are being assessed.

The graduation rate for 2021 will be calculated after May graduation. Survey's to 2021 graduates have been deployed while first year student and year one alumni surveys will be sent this summer. Students may complete the NPTE in April or July. We obtain performance data on NPTE first time and overall passing rates. Data from surveys and NPTE pass rates are assessed by comparison to national data where available. Student surveys are reviewed for differences greater than 10% from previous years and comments are qualitatively assessed for trends.

#### 3. Describe how your unit analyzed these data and what assessments were determined.

Our 2021 graduation rate is expected to be 94% (49/52 students). Two students left the program for personal reasons and one student is on schedule to graduate in 2022. The annual assessment surveys have been distributed to year 3 students and surveys to year 1 alumni and first year students are being reviewed now. Survey results will be analyzed and ready for reporting this fall. The April NPTE is scheduled for later this month. We will have April and July NPTE data by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4. Describe how your unit will implement any further changes and what barriers may exist.

The department has initiated an interim curriculum while we complete our final curriculum revision. The department is planning methods to implement a structured remediation program and peer mentoring program.

PROVIDE A RATING OF YOUR PROGRESS ON THIS GOAL:  On Track;  Delayed;  Behind

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**Additional Information on Goal 2 (optional):**

Insert any additional information here.