
UND SMHS Strategic Plan Individual Unit Report for 2022

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 (this was not done this past year due to appointments all being virtual – have implemented for fall 2022). 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 are offered, but not mandatory.

2. Describe how your efforts are being assessed.

The graduation rate for 2022 was 98%, we had one student that left the program due to non-academic reasons following matriculation. One-year alumni surveys were sent to the 2021 graduates in the summer of 2022. With the implementation of our new curriculum, our current year-one students will be surveyed at the end of their first year (August 2023). 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 2022 graduation rate was 98% (51/52 students). One student left the program for personal reasons. The alumni survey of 2021 graduates has been reviewed and findings indicate they are working in the PT field with the majority in either ND or MN and the majority working in the geographical region of their first choice. The first-time pass rate to date, for the 2022 graduates is 88.2% and the ultimate pass rate to date for this same group is 90.2%. The national first-time pass rate is 87.4%. All of these numbers have declined from the previous year. This group of students' curriculum was significantly impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

We implemented a new curriculum for our first-year students during fall 2022. We will be working on the development of surveys to distribute to our first-year students in August 2023 to evaluate their first-year experience.

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

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Additional Information on Goal 2 (optional):

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