
UND SMHS Strategic Plan Individual Unit Report for 2022

GOAL 8 for **Physical Therapy**

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UND SMHS Strategic Plan Goal 8: *The SMHS will enhance its purposes of education, service, and discovery by focusing additional efforts toward achieving the broad goals stated in the School's Healthcare Workforce Initiative.*

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

The Department of Physical Therapy has addressed this goal by continuing its process to assess student admission, clinical experiences, and retention in North Dakota. The department has collected baseline information again this year on the number of individuals accepted into the professional DPT program from ND, graduates initially practicing in ND, and alumni practicing in ND.

2. Describe how your efforts are being assessed.

The department reviewed data from the 2021-2022 admissions process to determine the number of admitted students from North Dakota. The department performs an annual Qualtrics survey of alumni after one-year post-graduation

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

In reviewing admissions data for the incoming class for fall 2022, there were 157 applicants to the professional program. This included 50 (32%) ND residents in the application pool. Thirty-seven of these ND applicants were offered a position in the DPT class (74%) and 28 (75%) accepted the offer and matriculated. For the remaining 23 slots in the DPT class, there were 20 applicants that had attended UND and 16 (80%) of these individuals were accepted.

The annual alumni survey one year after graduation resulted in 24/49 responses from the class (49% response rate). All 24 respondents reported being employed (21 full-time, 1 per diem/as needed, and 2 other). Seven respondents reported employment in North Dakota (29%) and 9 in Minnesota (37.5%). The graduates are serving communities under 50,000 people as 6 (25%) reported rural practice settings, 6 (25%) reported micropolitan practice settings (<50,000), and 12 (50%) are serving metropolitan areas (>50,000). Two of the graduates are pursuing PT residencies.

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

The department will continue to utilize this information for enhanced recruitment of ND residents and to study factors that may increase retention of graduates in the state. We have increased our admission options in the fall of 2021 and also initiated an Early Assurance admissions process last year as well. We will continue to monitor. Our numbers increased related to this goal in 2022 from 2021.

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

