

UND SMHS Purpose:

"The primary purpose of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences is to educate physicians and other health professionals and to enhance the quality of life in North Dakota. Other purposes include the discovery of knowledge that benefits the people of this state and enhances the quality of their lives."

The mission statement of the UND DSM is:

"The mission of the Department of Sports Medicine is to serve the region through provision of education, research and service in sports medicine. It is recognized that sports medicine is a multidisciplinary field involving many facets of the health care community. The Department of Sports Medicine functions as a coordinating entity to help other disciplines provide education, research and service in this area.

"Specifically, the Department of Sports Medicine provides direction for the BS in Athletic Training degree program, a medical elective in sports medicine, and residency training in sports medicine. Service components of the Department are handled through the athletic training services provided for UND athletics and The Center for Sports Medicine, a clinical practice in sports medicine. Research and continuing education are vital aspects of the Department of Sports Medicine to improve the quality of care for athletes regionwide.

"Through the Department of Sports Medicine's educational, research and service programs, a regional resource for sports medicine care is being established. This resource will positively impact the health care of the athlete in North Dakota and the surrounding region."

From the DSM DSM mission statement, the Department functions as a coordinating entity to help others provide education, research and service which benefit the people of the state of North Dakota and enhance the quality of their lives. Furthermore, the Department's educational, research and service programs serve as a regional resource for sports medicine care which in turn positively impact the people in North Dakota and the surrounding region.

UND SMHS Strategic Plan Goal 1: SMHS Units that offer educational programs will expand their curricula to include learning outcomes that align with UND's Essential Studies goals.

Critical Inquiry and Analysis

Quantitative Reasoning

Written Communication

Oral Communication

Information Literacy

Intercultural Knowledge and Skills

The Department's Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training Program requires students to take a Capstone course which aligns with UND's Essential Studies goals. In addition, the curriculum has evolved in recent years by incorporating active learning principles in many of the courses thereby emphasizing critical inquiry and analysis over recall and simple modeling. Furthermore, the emphasis of service learning throughout the program enhances the student's ability to synthesize and internalize what was learned in class.

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.*

UND DSM Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training program fully supports student-led interest organization to socially support the students in the program as well as to advocate for the profession. Academic advising coupled with daily preceptor contacts ensures the student satisfaction and high graduation rate.

One UND Strategic Plan Goal 3: *Deliver more educational opportunity online and on-campus Goal by 2022 to increase by 10% (increased credit hours), by higher growth in online and graduate programs*

UND SMHS Strategic Plan Goal 3: *The SMHS will identify opportunities to employ state-of-the-art technologies to enhance education.*

The Department has deployed its first online course in Spring 2019. Transition plan to the graduate program in athletic training is ongoing, and the program will include a significant amount of online and hybrid course offerings at graduate level.

UND SMHS Strategic Plan Goal 4: *The SMHS will enhance basic, clinical, and translational health sciences discoveries while focusing on its stated purpose "of discovery of knowledge that benefits the people of this state and enhances the quality of their lives." The SMHS will support Goal 4 by increasing its extramural funding by 10% per year based on a three year rolling average.*

While basic science and some clinical science disciplines affect a large portion of the population and receive a great deal of extramural funding, the availability of extramural funding for athletic training is scant. However, the Department is fully committed to encouraging internal and external resources toward discovery of knowledge to benefit North Dakota.

UND SMHS Strategic Plan Goal 5: UND SMHS will foster a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment across all campuses.

The nature of the profession of athletic training and sports medicine is fully congruent with fostering a welcoming, safe and inclusive environment. As the SMHS works toward achieving Strategic Plan Goal 5, the Department fully supports, cooperates and implements the measures toward the goal.

One UND Strategic Plan Goal 6: Meet educational needs of active duty and reserve personnel, veterans, and their families. Goal by 2022, A 25% increase in credit hours earned by active duty military personnel, veterans, and their families

UND SMHS Strategic Plan Goal 6: The SMHS will determine how we may better meet the educational needs of active duty and reserve personnel, veterans, and their families.

The Department has been working with a limited number of ROTC, reserve and veterans who desire to pursue academic degree in the program. The Department is fully committed to the SMHS's vision for the goal.

UND SMHS Strategic Plan Goal 7: The SMHS will achieve the targeted fund raising goals set for the SMHS Dean and Vice President for Health Affairs.

The Department will work toward the goals set for the SMHS.

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.

The Department will, under the direction of SMHS, implement measures to reduce disease burden, retain more healthcare provider graduates for North Dakota, train more healthcare providers, and improve the efficiency of the healthcare delivery system.