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# UND SMHS Strategic Plan Individual Unit Report for 2021

## GOAL 8 for Physical Therapy

### LEARNING

**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 2020-2021 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 from fall 2021, there were 147 applicants to the professional program. This included 36 (24%) ND residents in the application pool. Nineteen of these ND applicants were offered a position in the DPT class (53%) and 14 (77%) accepted the offer and matriculated. For the remaining 37 slots in the DPT class, there were 18 applicants that had attended UND and 7 (39%) of these individuals were accepted.

The annual alumni survey one year after graduation resulted in 40/52 responses from the class (77% response rate). All 40 respondents reported being employed (32 full-time, 3 part-time, and 5 flex/variable). Seven respondents reported employment in North Dakota (17%) and 14 in Minnesota (35%). The graduates are primarily serving communities under 50,000 people as 9 (23%) reported rural practice settings and 13 (33%) reported micropolitan practice settings (<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 utilize this information to develop a plan 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 from 2-3 different times frames this fall and have received approval for an Early Assurance admissions process. We will continue to monitor. Our numbers declined related to this goal in 2021 from 2020 therefore the rating of 'delayed' was applied.

**PROVIDE A RATING OF YOUR PROGRESS ON THIS GOAL:**  **Delayed**  
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**Additional Information on Goal 8 (optional):**

Insert any additional information here.