
UND SMHS Strategic Plan Individual Unit Report for 2020

GOAL 3 for **Physical Therapy**

LEARNING

One UND Strategic Plan Goal 3: *Deliver more educational opportunity online and on-campus.*

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

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

The Department of Physical Therapy is a professional program, accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). The CAPTE accreditation standards and required elements have expectations for on-campus content related to physical examination and intervention skills. Additionally, CAPTE has limits on the amount of content that may be delivered by distance methods. Therefore, the department has approached this goal by looking into a PhD program in biomechanics, telehealth curriculum additions, and physical therapy residency programs. The PhD in biomechanics was developed as a collaboration between the Dept of Kinesiology & Public Health, Engineering, and PT. A proposal was developed but did not get submitted to the NDUS Board. The proposal has been paused at this time. The PT department has moved forward with some telehealth additions to the curriculum. These will be expanded in fall 2020. The department has a sports physical therapy residency program and is considering a residency for physical therapy faculty.

2. Describe how your efforts are being assessed.

The efforts are defined by progress on the biomechanics proposal and implementation of telehealth content within the program. The PhD in biomechanics has been delayed and the faculty residency planning will be delayed as we move forward with different initiatives for the professional curriculum.

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

We analyzed data through verbal reports at faculty meetings.

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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the department faculty delivered hours of online course content including synchronous and asynchronous educational materials. The department plans to continue implementation of online content for the new curriculum described in Goal 2.

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.