

MISSION, PHILOSOPHY AND PROGRAM GOALS

Oklahoma City Community College Mission: Student Success / Community Enrichment

The Division of Health Professions serves the people of Oklahoma by providing competent entry-level health care professionals through quality education. Graduates are prepared to demonstrate compassion in providing total patient care, to be responsive to the health and wellness needs of a diverse global community, and to recognize the importance of professional development and lifelong learning.

The mission of the Oklahoma City Community College Physical Therapist Assistant Program is to graduate successfully licensed physical therapist assistants who provide evidence-based ethical, legal and culturally competent care. Graduates of the program will provide interventions within the physical therapist's plan of care to maximize the patients'/clients' functional outcomes. Our graduates are competent to meet the needs of the evolving and diverse healthcare environment in a variety of settings and are prepared to attain personal achievement and satisfaction through lifelong learning.

To achieve this mission, the program is based upon a balanced variety of quality educational experiences, focusing on active learning and a commitment to service. By successfully preparing students for employment as physical therapist assistants, additional benefits are gained for each student in the form of personal achievement and satisfaction, and for society in the form of positive contributions to people who face challenges.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program's philosophy and purpose are consistent with the educational philosophy of the College and expands to include these values:

Physical Therapist Assistant Program Values

Accountability	OKC Community Development
Clear Communication	Professional Development
Diversity	PTA Community Development
Ethical Practice	Quality Patient Care
Flexibility	Stewardship
Innovation	Student and Graduate Success
Integrity	

Program Goals (Ends):

1. Students will demonstrate compassionate, reflective, ethical problem solving and decision making.
2. Students will engender the importance of learning as a lifelong process.
3. Graduates will obtain a comprehensive, contemporary learning experience to meet the needs of the Oklahoma physical therapy community and increasing global society.
4. Graduates will demonstrate each of the CAPTE terminal competencies, pass the licensure examination, and proficiently enter the workforce.
5. OCCC will provide resources/support for faculty to maintain contemporary clinical practice.
6. OCCC will encourage involvement in professional organizations and the physical therapy community.