

## **Mission, Philosophy and Goals of the PTA Program:**

The OCCC mission: Student Success/Community Enrichment serves as a foundation for the Division of Health Professions and the Physical Therapist Assistant Program's mission.

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 OCCC PTA Program is to graduate successful licensed physical therapist assistants who provide evidence-based, ethical, legal and person-centered care. Graduates of this program will design and provide interventions within the physical therapists' plan of care to maximize the patients'/clients' functional outcomes. OCCC graduates are competent to meet the needs of the ever changing healthcare environment in a variety of settings and are prepared to attain personal achievement and satisfaction through lifelong learning.

To achieve this mission, the PTA Program is based on a balanced variety of quality educational experiences focusing on active learning and a commitment to serve. By successfully preparing students for employment as PTAs, additional benefits are gained by each student in the form of personal achievement and satisfaction and for society in the form of positive contributions to people facing challenges. The PTA Program's philosophy and purpose are consistent with OCCC mission of "Student Success/Community Enrichment" and expands to include these PTA Program values:

Accountability	Clear Communication	Community Development
Ethical Practice	Flexibility	Belonging
Innovation	Integrity	PTA Community Development
Professional Development	Quality Patient Care	Stewardship

## **OCCC PTA Program Goals:**

1. Students will demonstrate compassionate, reflective, ethical problem-solving skills.
2. Students will defend the importance of lifelong learning in healthcare.
3. Graduates will demonstrate contemporary physical therapy interventions while supporting APTA core values of belonging.
4. Graduates will demonstrate CAPTE terminal competencies and pass the licensure examination.
5. Graduates will proficiently enter the workforce.
6. PTA Program Faculty will demonstrate contemporary clinical practice.
7. PTA Program Faculty will demonstrate ongoing involvement in professional organizations and physical therapy community.