

PTA Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2024

7:00 PM

Attendees: Justin Berry, Shelley Koerber, Dawn Eickman, John Fields, Stephanie LeDuc, Jeff Bell , Amber Larson, Sydney Lembke, Katie Rokke, Ricky Morgan, Kayla Lukkason, Lyndsi Klundt, Lyndsay Grand, Paige Moore

Topic	Discussion/Outcome
1. Call to Order	7:03 PM
2. Review of prior meeting minutes	No changes to the fall 2023 advisory committee minutes were recommended
3. Report from Program Director, program outcomes, and demographics	<ol style="list-style-type: none">College update. Welcome to the new college provost, John FieldsUpdate provided on bonding bill which will provide revised lab space for some programs. PTA is not part of the bonding bill, but the college is exploring possibilities of the program receiving a larger lab space in the future.Program budget is sufficient for program needs. The program started having a student fee this year for PhysioU access, which decreased the need for 2 required textbooks.Program Demographics were reviewed<ul style="list-style-type: none">NPTE pass rate for 2023 was 92.9%. The current 2-year pass rate is 95.6%Graduation rate is staying stableEmployment rate is 100%Applicants meeting program admissions is still decreased compared to prior to COVID. 17 students started the program this academic year compared to 15 in Fall 2022.Admitted students right now for Fall 2024 is 8NPTE score report and PEAT scores were reviewed, mean scores are down slightly this past year, but mean PEAT exam scores for this spring are significantly higher than previous years. Jeff Bell also mentioned that the change of A&P I and II from 3 to 4 credits has increased content in lymphedema (following discussion of this content area on the NPTE and PEAT.College Algebra will be increasing from 3 to 4 credits in Fall 2025 which will impact the program's plan of study. Faculty will research the possibility of taking the 2-credit medical terminology course out of the program and replacing with a 1 credit PTA specific medical terminology class to keep the number of credits at 74.

	<p>6. Faculty activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justin: current President of North Dakota Board of Physical Therapy and is now on the FSBPT Ethics and Legislation Committee Shelley: co-chair of Northern Plains Clinical Education Consortium, and is co-teaching an APTA CI Credentialing Workshop at UND in April Dawn: Researching possibility of the program establishing a pro bono clinic, and is on the wait list for the APTA New Faculty Development Workshop. <p>7. APTA CSM: 6 students attended APTA CSM in Boston. They received good financial support from the college, and they presented a research poster.</p>
<p>4. Potential Curricular Revision for Spring 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTAS 1108 from 2 to 3 credits PTAS 1110 from 3 to 2 credits 	<p>1. Discussed this potential curricular revision. Program alumni on the committee all thought this would be a very good change to allow additional time and content in Pathophysiology; and to decrease content and the number of psychomotor skills to competency in Physical Agents. A specific proposal for revisions will be presented at the fall advisory committee for discussion.</p>
<p>4. Program Assessment Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duration, placement, and length of clinical education Curricular model & educational principles review Required CAPTE timeframe of program 	<p>6. Assessment overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program is currently meeting the CAPTE maximum length requirement (for old standards and elements) Reviewed duration, placement, and length of clinical education. Several committee members who are alumni and/or CIs mentioned that it would be nice if a clinical could be longer than 6 weeks. Program faculty discussed how this has been brought up before, and reviewed the maximum number of hours allowed for PTA programs (720 hours), which the program currently has, and the desire to have 3 full time clinical experiences. The program will review the new Standards and Elements to see if there are any possible ways to increase the length of a clinical, while still having 3 full-time clinicals and a part-time clinical. The potential inclusion of a pro bono clinical was also discussed, which would make it harder for a longer clinical. No changes are currently recommend to length after this discussion. Curricular model and educational principles were reviewed with no concerns. Program uses a Hybrid model and utilizes the Constructivist Educational Theory
<p>4. Call for volunteers for Friday, May 3rd mock job interviews</p>	<p>1. Discussed the mock job interviews for 2nd year students.</p>
<p>5. CAPTE Self Study Report Update</p>	<p>1. Report is due March 29th, progress is going well. On-site visit will be June 9-12th. 2. Discussed the possibility of the advisory committee meeting during the site visit to be on Monday evening of the visit.</p>
<p>6. Pro bono clinic update</p>	<p>1. Dawn provided an update of her research on the potential establishment of a pro bono clinic.</p>

7. Report from Program DCE	1. Spring clinical education courses are going well 2. Transition to CPI 3.0 has been smooth 3. Currently there are 306 clinical sites with 499 clinical placements available each year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 369 outpatient placements • 219 outpatient placements
8. Discussion on current clinical environment seen by advisory committee members	1. Current job market is very strong for PTs and PTAs
9. Thank you to outgoing members	Thank you to Sydney and Katie!
10. Nominations of new members	Several PTs and PTAs from the region were nominated by the committee. Justin will follow up with them to see if there is interest.
11. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:34.

Next Meeting: Fall 2024