

**SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Annual Program Review  
Physical Therapist Assistant

<b>Report Year: 2010-11</b>	Annual Unduplicated <u>Headcount</u> <b>25</b>	Annual FTE <u>(Fall/Spring)</u> <b>34.3</b>
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**Certification/License Exam Pass Rate:**

<b>Number Tested:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Percent Passing:</b>	<b>90%</b>

**Advisory Committee Meetings:**

Did committee meet last year?	<b>Yes</b>
Are minutes of file?	<b>Yes</b>

**Survey Results**

**2010-11 Program Graduates:**

Number of Graduates:	<b>10</b>
Number of Completers Surveyed:	<b>10</b>
Completers Response Rate:	<b>80.0%</b>

**Employers of 2010-11 Program Graduates:**

Number of Surveys Mailed:	<b>8</b>
Employer Survey Response Rate:	<b>75.0%</b>

Physical Therapist Assistant Program Graduates

**STUDENT GOAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1. My goal(s) for attending Southwestern Community College were: (Check all that apply)

- 7(87.5%) Receiving a degree, diploma, or certificate from Southwestern Community College
- 4(50%) Preparing for /getting a new job
- 2(25%) Improving existing job skills
- Transferring to a four year college/university
- 1(12.5%) Personal interest
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

2. I accomplished my goal(s) for attending Southwestern Community College: (Check one)

- 6(75%) Yes, completely
- 2(25%) Yes, partially
- No

3. If you did not accomplish your goal(s) for attending Southwestern Community College, which of the following describes why you did not achieve that goal(s) ?

- Job conflict
- New employment
- Financial Hardship
- Family circumstances
- Joined the military
- Child care problems
- Medical problems
- Moved to a new area
- Lack of interest in pursuing course of study
- Dissatisfied with the services offered by the college
- Dissatisfied with the quality of instruction
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Are you currently employed?

- 7(87.5%) Yes
- 1(12.5%) No

**A. If yes,** 4(66.7%) full-time (40 hours or more per week)  
2(33.3%) part-time (less than 40 hours per week)

**B. If no,** 1 unemployed and looking for work  
           unemployed and not looking for work  
           continuing education  
           homemaker  
           other, specify \_\_\_\_\_

5. Is your present job your first after completing the program?

7(100%) Yes

           No

If no, check reason(s) why you changed jobs

           Opportunity for Advancement

           Better Pay

           Better Working Conditions

           Other, specify:

           Lay-off by Facility

           Change of Profession

6. Are you currently enrolled in a college or university?

           Yes

8(100%) No

           No Response

7. Who helped you get your first job?

           SCC Instructor

           SCC Placement Office

           Private Employment Agency

           Relative or Friend

1(14.3%) Other Program/Clinical Personnel

           Want Ads

6(85.7%) On My Own

1(14.3%) Other, Specify: **\*Clinical placement**

8. Beginning Salary/Hour:

\$21.90 (mean)

Present Salary/Hour:

\$22.04 (mean)

9. How well do you feel this program prepared you for entry-level work as a PTA?

5(62.5%) Well Prepared

2(25%) Satisfactorily Prepared

           Inadequately Prepared

1(12.5%) No Response

10. Would you recommend this program to others?

8(100%) Yes

           No

11. Are you currently enrolled in any additional education program?

           Yes

8(100%) No

If yes, please specify:

12. Is the program related to your physical therapy training?

           Yes

           No

13. Do you wish to be relocated or find other employment?

4(50%) Yes

3(37.5%) No

1(12.5%) No Response

If yes, specify type of employment preferred:

**\*Skilled nursing facility**

**\*Full-time with benefits**

**\*Seeking full-time with benefits**

**\*More \$**

14. Did your PTA Program prepare you to interact professionally with other members of the health care team?

6(75%) Agree

1(12.5%) Tend to Agree

           Tend to Disagree

           Disagree

1(12.5%) No Response

15. Did your PTA Program prepare you to recognize your responsibilities, potentialities and limitations as an individual, citizen, and professional PTA?

7(87.5%) Agree

1(12.5%) Tend to Agree

           Tend to Disagree

           Disagree

16. Have you continued your education in any of the following areas?

1(12.5%) Orthopedics

           Neurology

1(12.5%) Cardiology

           Pediatrics

           Quality Assurance

2(25%) Geriatrics

           Management Skills

1(12.5%) Application Modalities (e.g. new equipment) specify

1(12.5%) Specialized treatment technique, specify: **\*Early mobilization in ICU**

1(12.5%) Other, Specify: **\*Holistic Healthcare Practitioner Retreat**

17. Are you a member of any of the following professional organizations?

4(50%) APTA

           Special section of APTA, specify:

18. Do you participate in any continuing education activities, such as?

3(37.5%) Continuing education offerings at your own facility.

           Number per year

1(12.5%) Continuing education offerings outside of your facility.

           Number per year

1(12.5%) Attendance at APTA meetings (Number per year)

          1 Local (District)            State

           National            Special Sections

19. I successfully passed the licensure (registry) examination for the state in which I practice which is:  
NC (6)

7(87.5%) 1st attempt

1(12.5%) 2nd attempt

                     3rd attempt

                     to date, have not passed

                     have not taken exam (reason)-

20. Do you feel SCC's PTA program adequately prepared you to take and pass the licensure (registry) examination?

7(87.5%) Yes

1(12.5%) No

                     No Response

21 The best thing about my experience in SCC's PTA Program was:

**\*Great education**

**\*Meeting a great group of people and getting prepared for a wonderful career**

**\*The preparation and professionalism of the instructors**

**\*The professors they truly care about each and every student. Their knowledge base is so vast and they are still practicing Physical Therapy is truly their passion.**

**\*The high academic level was suited to my level of education & I appreciate that I was taught more than just the mechanics of being a PTA. The in-depth approach allows me to think critically on the job.**

**\*The instructors were excellent. They were able to break up the information and teach it to every one of us. The availability for them to help was great as well.**

**\*The friends I made**

**\*Graduating & the sense of accomplishment that follows.**

22. The worst thing about my experience in SCC's PTA Program was:

**\*N/A**

**\*The drive and lab practicals**

**\*The long drive from Asheville**

**\*Having to go to school during the summer but this was personal issue. The program was great.**

**\*The level of professionalism of some of the faculty made for a difficult learning environment that encouraged some students to model unprofessional behavior.**

**\*The quickness of the teaching material. B/C the curriculum is so packed it seems there isn't much time to focus on all of the material. It's just loaded on and students have to teach themselves.**

**\*Cummulative lab practicals**

**\*Commuting everyday**

23. To improve the quality of the program, I recommend the following:

**\*The program was great.**

**\*I would love to see a part-time or full-time PTA on the staff to help out.**

**\*Remove some of the non-program courses. Offer students option to test out of some courses to lessen load on students in the PTA program.**

**\*Increasing the # of hours of observations (indecipherable) entering the program to the students clinical knowledge.**

**\*Hire a PTA who can be available to lead hands-on lab time & provide one-on-one instruction. Current staff level was too busy to provide adequate instruction in lab- particularly the area of manual therapy.**

**\*More lab time and more focus on manual therapy particularly joint mobs and positioning.**

**\*I feel the program is highly outpatient focused on modalities and some acute care skills are necessary...i.e. learning about lab values: how they affect treatment.**

24. Other comments:

**\*Very challenging. I felt well prepared to begin work as a PTA following graduation.**

**\*Add more lab time.**

**\*I have deep appreciation & respect for all who were involved. I would do it again in a heartbeat & feel very accomplished having graduated near the top of the class for this very challenging program. Thank you!**

**\*The PTA program at SCC is excellent. The intensity is something no one understands until going through, but once you get out there and start practicing the intensity of how hard it was disappears because providing skilled care to patients and rehabbing them is worth every second.**

**\*Great program. Honored to be a graduate from such a prestigious program.**

# PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM GRADUATES

## STUDENT SATISFACTION

	Don't Know/ No Response	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
25. Quality of instruction in program area courses	0	1	2	3 <b>2(25%)</b>	4 <b>6(75%)</b>
26. Quality of clinical instruction	0	1	2	3 <b>3(37.5%)</b>	4 <b>5(62.5%)</b>
27. Quality of instruction in other courses	0	1	2 <b>1(12.5%)</b>	3 <b>2(25%)</b>	4 <b>5(62.5%)</b>
28. Quality of student counseling	0 <b>1(12.5%)</b>	1	2 <b>1(12.5%)</b>	3 <b>2(25%)</b>	4 <b>4(50%)</b>
29. Adequacy of lab equipment	0	1	2	3 <b>4(50%)</b>	4 <b>4(50%)</b>
30. Practical application of the Physical Therapist Assistant program toward the profession	0	1	2	3 <b>2(25%)</b>	4 <b>6(75%)</b>
31. Overall quality of the academic program	0	1	2	3 <b>2(25%)</b>	4 <b>6(75%)</b>
32. Quality of:					
Academic Advising	0 <b>1(12.5%)</b>	1	2 <b>1(12.5%)</b>	3 <b>1(12.5%)</b>	4 <b>5(62.5%)</b>
Library	0 <b>1(12.5%)</b>	1	2	3 <b>3(37.5%)</b>	4 <b>4(50%)</b>
Registration	0	1	2	3 <b>3(37.5%)</b>	4 <b>5(62.5%)</b>
Admissions	0	1	2	3 <b>2(25%)</b>	4 <b>6(75%)</b>
Student Activities	0 <b>1(12.5%)</b>	1	2	3 <b>4(50%)</b>	4 <b>3(37.5%)</b>
Campus Security	0 <b>1(12.5%)</b>	1	2	3 <b>4(50%)</b>	4 <b>3(37.5%)</b>
33. Overall quality of the college	0	1	2	3 <b>2(25%)</b>	4 <b>6(75%)</b>

34. If you were to begin again (i.e., you had it to do over again) would you choose to attend Southwestern Community College?

7(87.5%) Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No      1(12.5%) Not Sure

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM  
EMPLOYER SATISFACTION**

	Don't Know	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Overall level of satisfaction with this employee	0	1	2	3 <b>2(33.3%)</b>	4 <b>4(66.7%)</b>
Please rate your level of satisfaction with this employee's competence in the following areas:					
Documentation	0	1	2	3 <b>4(66.7%)</b>	4 <b>2(33.3%)</b>
Interventions	0	1	2	3 <b>3(50%)</b>	4 <b>3(50%)</b>
Professional Behavior	0	1	2	3 <b>1(16.7%)</b>	4 <b>5(83.3%)</b>
Specific job-related knowledge	0	1	2	3 <b>3(50%)</b>	4 <b>3(50%)</b>
Specific job-related skills	0	1	2	3 <b>3(50%)</b>	4 <b>3(50%)</b>
Oral communication skills	0	1	2	3 <b>4(66.7%)</b>	4 <b>2(33.3%)</b>
Written communication skills	0	1	2	3 <b>3(50%)</b>	4 <b>3(50%)</b>
Problem solving skills	0	1	2	3 <b>4(66.7%)</b>	4 <b>2(33.3%)</b>
Organization and planning	0	1	2 <b>1(16.7%)</b>	3 <b>1(16.7%)</b>	4 <b>4(66.7%)</b>
Quality of Work	0	1	2	3 <b>2(33.3%)</b>	4 <b>4(66.7%)</b>
<b>OVERALL JOB PREPARATION</b>	0	1	2	3 <b>2(33.3%)</b>	4 <b>4(66.7%)</b>



Please provide any comments you have on the following areas as related to this graduate's ability to perform entry level within the P.T. Plan of Care:

Clinical Skills:

- \*Well trained with clinical skills**
- \*Good entry level skill prep**
- \*Thinks through the issues with individual patients to determine the best approach.**
- \*Provides individualized treatment plans**
- \*Meets expectations or new grad, patients like him**
- \*Has all skills needed**

Documentation:

- \*Focusing on documenting in functional term. Does very well documenting of treatment interventions.**
- \*No issues, very complete**
- \*Thorough- careful**
- \*Does a great job using our i-touches**
- \*Good use of i-touches**
- \*Complete & accurate**

Professional Behavior:

- \*Every clinic has differing policy regarding professional appearances and behavior. He is adjusting well to our clinic standards of professional behavior.**
- \*Very professional**
- \*Excellent**
- \*No issues**
- \*Good; has restrictive hours which cramps the schedule**
- \*No issues**

Theoretical Background:

- \*Excellent understanding of treatment concepts.**
- \*Average/satisfied**
- \*Excellent**
- \*Good**

Please list any suggestions you may have regarding additional training which may be useful for new graduates:

- \*None at this time. He could probably give some suggestions after working here for a few months.**
- \*None**
- \*More dementia training**

**\*More dementia training**