



## **ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT**

### **Program Goals (Competencies)**

The mission and philosophy of the program are consistent with the mission and philosophy of the institution. The program goals are consistent with the mission and philosophy of the program and the institution.

*Graduates will:*

1. Exhibit the theoretical knowledge, behavior and clinical skills necessary for the entry-level practice providing safe, effective, and efficient services as a physical therapist assistant under the direction of a physical therapist.
2. Demonstrate effective oral, written, and non-verbal communication when interacting with patients and other health care providers and documenting interventions.
3. Demonstrate logical organization and adaptation of treatment protocols recommended by the physical therapist to meet the individual needs of each patient.
4. Use critical thinking, self-reflection, and creativity in solving problems and making clinical decisions that respond to the immediate care needs of patients.
5. Understand and comply with the laws, guidelines, and standards established by professional and governmental agencies that regulate the practice of physical therapy, always exhibiting ethical and legal behavior according to the demands of the discipline and clinical setting.

*Faculty will:*

6. Model the importance of lifelong learning and career development through the pursuit of individual continuing education and professional service activities.
7. Maintain and enhance their professional competence to collectively provide effective student advisement, instruction, and assessment while complying with the policies and procedures of the institution and the program.

*Program will:*

8. Provide opportunities for faculty, students, and local physical therapy practitioners to participate in community service and professional learning activities.