



Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley Physical Therapist Assistant Program Mission Statement

The mission of the Metropolitan Community College is to prepare students, serve communities and create opportunities. Consistent with this mission, the Physical Therapist Assistant Program's mission is to serve as a resource for physical therapy and the community and educate effective, compassionate individuals in contemporary practice as a physical therapist assistant that embrace the core values of physical therapy.

In order to achieve this mission, the program will:

- Recruit qualified students from diverse backgrounds
- Provide instruction in a supportive learning environment utilizing a variety of teaching methods
- Clearly delineate role expectations of an effective physical therapist assistant to enhance student learning and retention.
- Provide effective instruction and experience in physical therapy in order to graduate physical therapist assistants that:
 - A. Demonstrate the ability to effectively and safely carry out the plan of care as established by the physical therapist, understanding their scope of practice and supervisory relationships
 - B. Communicate effectively using verbal, written, and non-verbal communication
 - C. Possess skills which allow them to practice in a managed care environment
 - D. Demonstrate the ability to evaluate personal strengths and weaknesses and implement professional development
 - E. Reflect the core values of the physical therapy profession: accountability, altruism, compassion and caring, cultural competence, duty, integrity, and social responsibility.
- Encourage an environment of excellence founded on the principles of continuous quality improvement and lifelong learning.
- Foster relationships within the college and community that promote the goals of the PT profession, college mission or provide community service

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