

Division of Physical Therapy
Department of Rehabilitation Medicine
University of Washington

Mission and Goals

A. The Mission of the Division

The mission of the Division of Physical Therapy is to promote health and wellness through education of the next generation of physical therapists, advancement of physical therapy knowledge through research, and provision of diverse and inclusive professional service to the community.

B. The Goals and Outcomes of the Division

Contribute to the profession and society through:

1. Teaching and Learning.

Goals:

- a. To demonstrate leadership in physical therapy education
- b. To provide a high quality-learning environment.
- c. To build and support a strong and diverse faculty and student body.
- d. To demonstrate excellence, breadth, and depth in current content expertise among faculty.
- e. To align curriculum with current/best practice of PT

Outcomes:

- a. Students will successfully complete all aspects of the curriculum/program.
- b. Students who successfully pass all courses with a 3.0 grade point average will demonstrate entry-level competence in physical therapy.
- c. Program Graduates will pass the Physical Therapy Licensing Exam.

2. Service Provision and Clinical Practice.

Goals:

- a. To strive for breadth and excellence of clinical expertise among faculty.
- b. To provide a diversity of clinical experiences for students.

Outcomes:

- a. Graduates, as entry-level generalists, will be able to take employment in all areas of physical therapy practice as evidenced through the employment indicated on graduate surveys.
- b. Graduates, as entry-level generalists, will be able to serve diverse populations as evidenced through the employment indicated on graduate surveys.

3. Research.

Goals:

- a. To contribute to the scholarly body of knowledge supporting physical therapy practice, administration and leadership within the evolving social-political agendas driving health care.
- b. To provide education in evidence-based practice and critical analysis of the literature.

Outcomes:

- a. Students will have the ability to critically analyze and interpret relevant research/evidence therefore be informed consumers.
- b. Faculty will contribute to the body of physical therapy knowledge through dissemination of their research and/or other scholarly activities/products.

4. Leadership and Service.

Goals:

- a. To maintain a visible presence of faculty and students in the American Physical Therapy Association and other appropriate professional societies, editorial boards, and grant review panels.
- b. To maintain a visible presence of faculty and students in positions of leadership and service in the regional, national, and international health communities.

Outcomes:

- a. Faculty and students will participate in positions of leadership and service at regional, national and international levels.
- b. Faculty and students will engage in regional, national, and international service opportunities to address physical therapy needs, promote health, and contribute to the quality of life of people within diverse communities.

5. Responsibility to the Northwest region.

Goals:

- a. To maintain a visible presence of faculty and students in the Physical Therapy Association of Washington.
- b. To maintain a strong presence in the Northwest Intermountain Consortium of Clinical Education.
- c. To maintain a visible presence of faculty and students in positions of leadership and service in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, School of Medicine, and the University at-large.

Outcomes:

- a. Faculty will offer continuing education opportunities for local and regional colleagues.
- b. Faculty and students will seek and participate in positions of leadership and service in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, School of Medicine, and the University at-large.

- c. Faculty and students will participate in positions of leadership and service at regional, national and international levels.
- d. Faculty and students will engage in local and regional service opportunities to address needs, promote health, and contribute to the quality of life of people within diverse communities.

6. Integrity and highest ethical standards.

Goals:

- a. To strive for students and faculty to conduct themselves ethically at all times.
- b. To monitor, prevent, identify, remediate any breeches or appearance of breeches in ethical behavior according to the standards of the University of Washington and relevant state agencies.

Outcomes:

- a. Faculty and students will have no major ethical complaints raised within the Division of Physical Therapy.
- b. Faculty and students will effectively resolve any minor complaints.