

## **Physical Therapist Assistant Program**

### **Program Mission:**

The Mission of the Jefferson State Community College Physical Therapist Assistant Program is to prepare competent, ethical, entry level Physical Therapist Assistants who are lifelong learners. The Program exists to provide an educational environment in which the needs of the individual student, the community, and other target audiences can be met. We are committed to accomplishing this mission through the use of quality instructional methods including both traditional and technology based instruction, whereby students are assisted to achieve the academic knowledge and clinical skills necessary to serve the physical therapy health care needs of the public.

### **Program Outcomes:**

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Jefferson State will:

1. The graduation rate of enrolled students in the PTA Program will be 70% or higher per cohort.
2. 90% of graduate respondents to follow-up surveys will indicate program goals have been met.
3. At least 85% of graduates will pass the licensure examination (NPTE) on the first attempt.
4. 85% of graduates will be employed as PTAs within six months of passing the NPTE.
5. 95% of graduates will be employed as PTAs within twelve months of passing the NPTE.
6. 90% of graduate respondents to follow-up surveys will agree to the overall adequacy of preparation for entry level PTA practice.
7. 90% of employers surveyed will indicate that graduates were adequately prepared for entry level PTA practice.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program, the graduate will:

1. Provide physical therapy services in a safe, legal, and ethical manner.
2. Integrate knowledge of basic and applied sciences to perform physical therapy under the direction and supervision of, and with ongoing communication with, the physical therapist.

