Physician Assistant Studies Program
Mission, Vision and Goals
Spring 2019
Mission
Our PA Program educates and empowers resilient graduates to practice collaborative, evidence-based medicine in the ever-changing and diverse health care environment.

Vision
Our PA Program is renowned for unparalleled legacy and excellence in PA education and leadership in developing innovative approaches to interprofessional practice.
Goals and Outcomes

• **Goal 1**: The program will maintain a PANCE pass rate of above 95% with each graduating class.

• Progress and Successes
  – PANCE pass rate for first time takers for 2018 was 95%
  – Average PANCE pass rate for the past 5 years for first time takers is 96%
Goal 1 Outcomes

PA Program PANCE Scores Compared to National PANCE Scores for First Time Takers 2014-2018

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Goals and Outcomes

• **Goal 2**: The program will achieve re-accreditation by ARC-PA in 2023 and will maintain this accreditation in subsequent years.

• Progress and Successes
  – Convened faculty and staff retreat to review 4\textsuperscript{th} edition of ARC-PA Standards to assess continued compliance
  – Established a Standards Review Committee
  – Assigned faculty and staff to track on-going status and compliance
Goals and Outcomes

• **Goal 3**: The program will enhance and strengthen the admissions process to create a diverse student population that is more reflective of the community we serve by the 2021-2022 admissions cycle.

• **Progress and Successes**
  – Convened Admissions Committee to identify areas for changes in the admissions process
  – Researching approach to develop a holistic admissions process
Goals and Outcomes

• **Goal 4**: The program will increase the opportunities for our students to experience interprofessional, collaborative experiences by the end of the 2020 academic year.

• **Progress and Successes**
  – Established an Interprofessional Education Committee
Goal 4 Outcomes (Cont’d)

• Progress and Successes (Cont’d)
  – Students and faculty participated in the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Towson University Open School Chapter learning events
  – Year 2 students participated in geriatric assessment interprofessional training (GAIT)
  – Conducted PA Program and Paramedic Program obstetrical simulation with over 65 students working together on normal deliveries and obstetrical emergencies
Goals and Outcomes

• **Goal 5**: The program will maintain its graduation rate of 95%.

• Progress and Successes
  – Graduation rates have been 95% to 97.7% over the past 3 years

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