TTUHSC PA Program Mission, Vision, and Goals (March 2024)

The Vision, Mission, and Goals of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Physician Assistant Program reflect the reason for founding the program in West Texas. These are consistent with the Vision, Mission, and Goals of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the School of Health Professions.

VISION

The vision of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Physician Assistant Program is to be regionally and nationally recognized for graduating excellent healthcare providers.

MISSION

The mission of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Health Professions Physician Assistant Program is to provide comprehensive medical education to physician assistant students. Through an environment of academic excellence and the promotion of life-long learning and professionalism, graduates will be prepared to practice patient-centered primary care, increasing access to healthcare for diverse and underserved communities of West Texas and beyond.

GOALS

1. **Provide students clinical opportunities in primary care rural and Medically Underserved Areas (MUA) in West Texas**

   Benchmark: 100% Student Participation in a Rural or Underserved Primary Care Clinical Rotation.

Percentage of Students Placed in Rural or Underserved Clinical Rotations

	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
% of students placed in clinical rotation sites that were underserved only	15%	13%	15%	12%
% of students placed in clinical rotation sites that were underserved and rural	85%	87%	85%	88%
Student % Participation in a rural or underserved primary care clinical rotation	100%	100%	100%	100%

*MUA defined by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

2. Admit individuals with diverse backgrounds and life experiences

Diverse Applicants

Benchmark: Students disadvantaged or underrepresented in healthcare professions comprising >50% of the cohort.

Applicant Diversity

	Cohort 2021	Cohort 2022	Cohort 2023	Class of 2024
Underrepresented Minority in Medicine (URM)	5	4	5	3
URM Disadvantaged	19	20	18	18
Disadvantaged (other minority and white)	18	15	20	20
Total Diversity (URM and disadvantaged status)	42	39	38	41
Total Diversity Class Percentage	70%	68%	65%	68%

*Categories are mutually exclusive

Applicants with Diverse Life Experiences

Benchmarks:
   a. Direct Patient Care Hours >2,000 hours average for cohort
   b. Volunteer Hours Average >300
   c. Maintain diversity of persons in consideration of hometown size to represent all geographic areas.

Diversity of Life Experiences

	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Direct Patient Care Hours Average	2893	2778	2779	2758
Volunteer Hours Average	362	465	464	217
Urban (>1M)	8	6	4	8
Large City (100,000-1M)	23	20	28	21
Mid-Size City (50,000-99,999)	7	2	6	10
Large Town (10,000-49,999)	10	11	6	15
Small Town (2,500-9,999)	7	11	8	7
Isolated Rural	5	7	6	17

3. **Foster an attitude of compassion, stigma reduction and service for the underserved communities of West Texas.**

Benchmarks: Provide educational opportunities for stigma reduction and better understanding of underserved populations so that compassion can be cultivated with 100% of students exposed to one or more stigma reduction experiences and one or more volunteer opportunities.

Number of Student Experiences by Cohort

	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Stigma Reduction Educational Activities			
Substance Use Disorder Patient Panel	57	56	63
Healthcare Disparities Workshop	56	55	62
Medication Assisted Treatment Waiver Training	55	55	In progress
Human Trafficking Workshop	55	55	62
Food Insecurity Workshop	56	56	64
Percentage of Students Participating	100%	100%	100%
Volunteer Opportunities			
Families Matter CPS Program	N/A	85	71
Culver Juvenile Detention Center	N/A	76	60
Midland County Drug Court	N/A	N/A	58
Casa de Amigos	55	55	62
Percentage of Students Participating	100%	100%	100%