



South University, Tampa Physician Assistant Program Goals

1. The program aims to foster a culture of inclusivity and equity for students, faculty, and staff by means of education and resources.

Method of Assessment:

- DEIB Survey
- Graduate Exit Survey
- Faculty and Staff Resources Survey

Benchmark:

- 3.5/5.0 or greater on a 5-point Likert scale

2024 Success in Achieving Goal:

The South University Tampa PA Program was successful in meeting goal #1. Student, faculty and staff perception was above benchmark.

Culture of Inclusivity and Equity by Means of Education and Resources

	Instrument	Score (Overall Mean)
Faculty/Staff Perception	DEIB Survey	4.7/5.00 (RR 93%)
	Faculty and Staff Resource Survey	4.46/5.00 (RR 100%)
Student Perception	DEIB Survey	4.4/5.00 (RR 100%)
	Graduate Exit Survey (CO 2024)	4.43/5.00 (RR 100%)

2. The program will strive to adequately prepare graduating students to achieve a first-time pass rate that exceeds the national average upon completion of the Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE).

Method of Assessment:

- Cohort first-time pass rate compared to the NCCPA published national pass rate
- Evaluation of Curricular Content Survey (faculty perception of effective preparedness for PANCE)
- Graduate Exit Survey (student perception of effective preparedness for PANCE)

Benchmark:

- Pass rate greater than the national average as published by NCCPA
- 3.5/5.0 or greater on a 5-point Likert scale

2024 Success in Achieving Goal:

The South University Tampa PA Program was successful in meeting goal #2. Student and faculty perception were above benchmark.



PANCE First-Time Pass Rate

Cohort	Cohort First-Time Pass Rate	National First-Time Pass Rate (2024)
Class of 2024	98%	93%

PANCE Preparedness

	Instrument	Score (Overall Mean)
Faculty Perception	Evaluation of Curricular Content	4.87/5.00 (RR 83.33%)
Student Perception	Graduate Exit Survey (CO 2024)	4.49/5.00 (RR 100%)

3. The program will provide opportunities for local community service and outreach that foster a commitment to reducing health disparities.

Method of Assessment:

- Graduate Exit Survey (community service related questions)
- The program will provide a minimum of two community service/outreach opportunities for faculty, staff, and students annually

Benchmark:

- 3.5/5.0 or greater on a 5-point Likert scale
- Two or more community service/outreach events to be detailed by the program

2024 Success in Achieving Goal:

The South University Tampa PA Program was successful in meeting goal #3. Student perception was above benchmark and > two events were engaged with by the program.

Opportunities for Community Service and Outreach

	Instrument	Score (Overall Mean)
Student Perception	Graduate Exit Survey (CO 2024)	4.61/5.00 (RR 100%)
Events Scheduled	Service/Outreach Events	6

In 2024, the South University Tampa Physician Assistant Program engaged in community service and outreach demonstrating a commitment to reducing health disparities by participating in the following events:

- Calvary Community Clinic
 - Once a week, students work alongside a faculty preceptor to provide free medical care to the uninsured patient population of Tampa Bay.
- Special Olympics MedFest
 - Quarterly, students participate in the free health screening that meets the requirements of a standard sports physical for Special Olympics athletes. This program is led by



volunteer physicians, nurses, and physician assistants. MedFest provides athletes with their required physical exam prior to participation in Special Olympics sports programs.

- Back 2 School Health Clinic
 - Each August, South University Tampa is the site of a free health clinic aimed at preparing students for the upcoming school year. The clinic provides essential services such as routine immunizations and school physicals at no cost to families.
- PAEA Project Access
 - Each year during PA week, the South University Tampa PA students participate in this recruitment event aimed at encouraging students from underrepresented minorities to consider PA as a profession. Students go to local elementary and high schools to talk to about healthcare accessibility and how to prepare for a career in healthcare.
- Safe Baby Healthy Start Coalition of Hillsborough County - Mary Lee's House
 - Students are trained to be Certified Safe Baby Trainers and pass essential safety skills to new parents in a hands-on interactive workshop. The goal of this program is to prevent infant deaths by providing education on how to choose a safe caregiver, prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome, and follow safe sleep practices recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Faces of Courage
 - Students, faculty and staff are invited to volunteer annually alongside our Medical Director. Faces of Courage Foundation is a nonprofit cancer patient support organization. They have a mission of providing, free of charge, programs emphasizing practical education; life coping strategies; and improved self-esteem; through non-threatening, engaging, and recreational outings and overnight camps, including culturally relevant programs for minorities, which encourage a sense of "community" rather than isolation, with a primary goal of helping the cancer patient navigate their way through the treatment process and to thrive as a survivor.