

The mission statement of the PTA program at Lorain County Community College is:

The mission of the program is to prepare Physical Therapist Assistants who will be able to perform selected physical therapy procedures and skills professionally and competently, within their scope of practice and abilities. The program supports continued accessible learning, and encourages the personal and professional growth of students, graduates, and faculty within their community.

The philosophy statement of the PTA Program is as follows:

The Physical Therapist Assisting Program at Lorain County Community College is designed to improve the lives of students, graduates, community practitioners, employers, health care consumers, and all our customers in the community. This is done through a variety of methods:

- Promoting educational excellence in teaching and learning, both in the classroom and the community, through the preparation of academically prepared program graduates able to function competently and professionally within their defined scope of practice, and the support of continued lifelong learning
- Encouraging economic development through career growth, training an effective workforce and supporting linkages and community partnerships
- Providing opportunities for the personal growth of the individual in the areas of cultural awareness, the humanities, technologies, sciences, professional and technical competencies.

Student Goals and Objectives: the graduate will be able to:

- Provide physical therapy services to clients as developed and outlined by the physical therapist's plan of care.
- Demonstrate safe, ethical and legal practice.
- Understand the scope of practice of a Physical Therapist Assistant.
- Be responsible for their own continued professional growth.
- Have knowledge as to the importance of effective written, oral and non-verbal communication with clients, families, the general public and colleagues.
- Document client responses to treatment modalities.
- Understand the health care system and its impact on the health care of society.

Program Goals and Objectives Measures

- at least 75% of entered students will graduate
- at least 90% of graduates will pass the licensing examination
- at least 95% will have a job offer after licensure
- students will rate themselves as ready to begin practice at an entry level at the time of graduation on their program evaluation forms
- students will rate the program positively at least 80% of the time
- clinical faculty will rate student performance in the clinic as meeting expectations for their level of education, and should be rated as ready to begin practice at an entry level at the end of the final clinical practicum at least 90% of the time
- the program will demonstrate compliance with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education criteria by maintaining accreditation as verified by the APTA's Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education