



Student Learning Outcome Assessment

Physical Therapist Assistant
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“Use this section to identify things you liked, things you would change, and to communicate any other comments about your overall experience in the program. If you have feedback about the instruction or anything else related to the overall program, please address that in one of these questions.”

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Instructions Provided:

“This section addresses the college core abilities. The core abilities are overall skills that all graduates should acquire during their experience at Western. Focus on yourself in this section.”

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“This section addresses the specific outcomes for your program. Please focus on yourself in this section.”

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“Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.”

OVERALL EXPERIENCE

1. What did you like about this program?

Text Response

I liked that our schedules are all set up for us. The teachers are awesome.

The program was very hands on which benefits my learning. Everything that we learned throughout the program was very educational.

Learning material that I'm interested in and everybody that I got to work with to make it through these last two years.

The instructors made it fun for everyone

I feel everything about the program was great to make me ready for the clinicals and taking my board exam.

One on one time with teachers, lots of lab time, sma

The instructors were fun while still teaching effectivley.

Lots of hands on practice

Loved the instructors. they were very educated and always helpful and supportive. I liked

I like the instructors and I liked the classes that were taught. I learned a lot in 2 years of school.

The instructors were phenomenal and go above and beyond what is required of them. The content is fast, intense but inclusive and covers the necessities of what is seen in real life.

I really enjoyed having so much hands on experience prior to going out to my clinicals. Ortho and Neuro, although difficult, were very interesting classes and really helped tie a lot pieces together for me in this program.

I liked the massage unit...

PTA program has great supportive staff

Everything, awesome essencial experience.

good instruction. one on one with teachers

every thing was good a great experience

Amazing staff and rewarding career

I felt liek the instructors wanted me to succede, and were willing to work outside of the norm but within the framework of hte rules

I liked that it truly prepared us for work in the clinic. I also liked that the teachers get along and are consistent in their teaching

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	20

2. What would you change about this program?

Text Response

I would want a pathology class.

n/a

N/A

N/A

If some how there could be a little more time

try to have it not so rushed.

Schedule practicals on seperate days

Adding a summer class to spread out the information

Spread out the practicals so that we don't have practicals back tp back

If possible add in clinical experience or perhaps have real life patients come in to show new scars/wounds/injuries/ROM deficits etc.

I do not think Technical Reporting helped me be successful in this program.

Make it longer to have more time to cover material.

General education classes for PTA program to be more oriented to the medical field.

need more time to learn the material

add guest wound and or amputee patients or add visits to a clinic to interact with this demographics

more space between to internships

more attention to dealing with the truly acute and low functioning patient

Too much information and too little time. Too much pressure in practicals. Teachers said that we will feel the same pressure in the clinic, but that wasn't true.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	18

CORE ABILITIES

3. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned effective communication skills.	1	0	0	2	17	20

4. Provide any comments you have on effective communication skills you learned.

Text Response

I think getting clinical experience improved my communication with patients and PTs. Talking in people, and keeping the conversation going
n/a
I am able to communicate with patients and other healthcare personel effectively and professionally.
This is hard to teach but having people break out of their comfort zones helps.
I feel that Jeff, Scott, and Shari prepared for being an open communicator with my clinical instructors and PT's during my internships. I feel that having the open communication really made my internships go smoothly.
Interpersonal skills
buzz phrases for documentation would be nice, as well as thigns to avoid
I appreciated that our instructors were specific with their medical terminology and pushed us to be specific too.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	9

5. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I am able to apply mathematical concepts.	1	0	7	7	5	20

6. Provide any comments you have on mathematical concepts you learned.

Text Response

Did hardly any math
n/a
NA
Math sucks but it is taught effectively.
didn't learn much math in theprogram but what we did learn I could apply
not much math involved. karvonen method and HR calculations

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	6

7. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I learned how to transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.	0	0	4	6	10	20

8. Provide any comments you have on transferring social and natural science theories into practical applications.

Text Response

n/a
NA

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

9. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I learned critical thinking skills.	0	0	1	3	16	20

10. Provide any comments you have on critical thinking skills you learned.

Text Response

When it's just you in the clinic with no one to ask, you're the one making the decision. I learned how to think on my own and eventually eliminate asking questions like "what should I do?"

n/a
NA

The instructors are great and making sure students are asked to think above and beyond. With all of the information we have been taught it is imperative to use critical thinking in the clinic for the safety of patients.

still working on it

Pushed us to our limit to think critically under pressure

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	7

11. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned to use technology effectively.	0	0	2	8	10	20

12. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about using technology effectively.

Text Response
n/a
NA
modalities have slowly slipped out of my brain as they haven't been used much in clinic
Learned about related technology in modalities, but didn't have many opportunities to apply at internships

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	4

13. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned to value myself and work ethically with others in a diverse population.	0	0	1	5	14	20

14. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about valuing yourself and working ethically with others in a diverse population.

Text Response
 n/a
 I treat everyone with respect as everyone has to work as a team in order to provide for the patient.
 I think all students should take Intro to Ethics

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

15. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I am able to make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability.	0	0	3	6	11	20

16. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about incorporating the importance of sustainability in decisions you make.

Text Response
 n/a
 NA
 that was a hard part of the program, hemmoraging money during class was difficult, could provide some support or info for government assistance

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

17. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
demonstrate effective communication with patients, families, and health care team.	0	0	1	4	15	20

18. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

I did a lot of this during clinicals and got used to it.
 I improved on educating the patients and family members on why they might be doing an exercise and what it's improving.
 n/a
 NA
 good with communication including no verbals
 figuring out how to deal w/ highly reluctant patients is a challenge

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	6

19. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
exhibit behaviors and conduct that reflect respect and sensitivity according to physical therapy practice standards.	0	0	1	4	15	20

20. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

n/a
NA

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

21. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
function under the supervision of a physical therapist in a safe, legal, ethical manner.	1	0	1	3	15	20

22. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

n/a
I worked with the PT very often.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

23. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
produce documentation to support the delivery of physical therapy services.	0	0	2	4	14	20

24. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Starting this in the first year really helped.

n/a

NA

Have had good feedback on my documentation

buzz phrases for documentation, turning the corner from casual documentation to more professional

Places with electronic documentation didn't allow for abbreviations. Was not prepared to document on the laptop during tx

Statistic

Value

Total Responses

6

25. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
demonstrate critical thinking skills to implement and adjust a plan of care under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist.	0	0	1	4	15	20

26. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

NA

good communication with referring PT

Not much focus on adjusting tx in school. Learned more about that on site.

Statistic

Value

Total Responses

3

27. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
perform technically competent data collection under the direction and supervision of the physical therapist.	0	0	1	3	15	19

28. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

NA

good with collecting subjective and objective data collection

As mentioned before, documenting was very different from in school due to using laptops with no abbreviations.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

29. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
perform technically competent physical therapy interventions under the direction and supervision of the physical therapist.	0	0	1	3	16	20

30. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

NA

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

31. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
educate patients, family and other providers.	0	0	2	4	14	20

32. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

NA

did not get a lot of experience with educating people other than patients

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

33. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
integrate components of administrative, operational and fiscal practices of physical therapy service in a variety of settings.	0	0	2	6	12	20

34. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

NA

not a lot of experience

Billing, yes, anything around rehab direction I am not perpared for

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

35. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
implement a self-directed plan for career development, credentialing, and lifelong learning.	0	0	1	3	16	20

36. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

NA

will continue learning where I can

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

CONCLUSION

37. Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.

Text Response

I had a good experience with this college. I enjoyed all of my program teachers and they really cared about our education.

It's a great school to attend and has great staff members to learn from!

It was a great experience.

Great experience at western! Loved the program and instructors!

I enjoyed it!

This program is amazing which is entirely due to the staff/instructors that compose it.

I really loved my experience in the WTC PTA program. The instructors were great and each had a different style of teaching that was conducive to my learning experience. I really grew close with all of my classmates as well.

Great experience...

Really appreciate the teachers concern for every student and ability to teach with passion and great knowledge!

good experience at western technical college

great experience learned a lot about myself and how to interact with others on top of other important life skills

I am extremely grateful from the opportunity provided here.

I thought this program was awesome. Clinical placement and making sure that students get a variety of settings is very important.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	13