

# **Administrative and Educational Support Report\***

## **Physician Assistant Studies Program**

### **Annual Action Plan Annual Assessment Report**

**June 2006 – May 2007**

**\*Student Learning Outcomes for this department are available at  
<http://ie.panam.edu/CoHSHSLearningOutcomes.htm>**



**Annual Action Plan: June 1, 2006–May 31, 2007**

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Provide a curriculum that is academically rigorous, promotes independent learning and prepares graduates for success. (1)	Submit proposal for graduate PA program and make modification as needed for approval.	Receive approval from the Higher Education Coordinating Board to initiate the graduate level program by May 2007.	The Dean’s office will be notified of approval by the Higher Education Coordinating Board by May, 2007.	New Faculty position will be needed.
	Continue to conduct student learning outcomes assessment.	Eighty percent of the graduates will attain certification on the first	The Program Director will collect and assess pass rate statistics.	Additional operating budget to purchase exam review material and online review

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		attempt on the national exam.	Achievement of this goal will be accomplished when 80% of the graduates succeed in passing the national exam on the first attempt.	courses.
	Review program compliance with accreditation standards.	Perform a self assessment review of the curriculum and compliance with accreditation standards.	Complete a written report on the self assessment by May 31, 2007 and keep the report on file in the PA Program director's office.	

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Involve practitioners in the PA admissions process, focus group and advisory boards. (2)	Include local practitioners in the admission process	Include at least one physician and one physician assistant included in the program's admission committee.	Achievement of this goal will be accomplished when at least one of each practitioners listed is an active participant in the selection committee.	None
	Develop special focus advisors from the	Hold at least one special focus group meeting to	This strategy will be achieved when a focus	Release time for faculty to attend off campus meeting

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	community in developing special needs curriculum.	develop the graduate curriculum.	group has met at least once and developed learning objectives in a special clinical rotation track by May 31, 2007.	with special focus group.
Partner with the local community in providing educational opportunities to students. (3)	Increase the number of preceptors sites	Increased number of clinical sites by an additional 5 sites.	Achievement will be met when 5 additional sites have been secured as compared to AY 2005-2006.	Release time for clinical coordinators to do site visits.

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Develop CME programs for PA practitioners. (4)	Conduct a medical education program for our PA graduates.	Provide at least one CME opportunity a year for our Physician Assistants by.	This strategy will be achieved when at least one CME program has been conducted during the academic year.	Operating budget increase to pay for speakers for the conferences, printing and marketing the conference.



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	Eighty percent of the graduates will attain certification on the first	The Program Director will collect and assess pass rate statistics.	93% of 2006 graduates passed the certification exam on the first attempt.	The senior review activities aimed at preparing the students for success in

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	attempt on the national exam.	Achievement of this goal will be accomplished when 80% of the graduates succeed in passing the national exam on the first attempt.	<b>Criterion for success met.</b>	passing the board exam will continue.
	Perform a self assessment review of the curriculum and compliance with accreditation standards.	Complete a written report on the self assessment by May 31, 2007 and keep the report on file in the PA Program director's office.	The self assessment report is not totally completed. The administrative self assessment is completed. <b>Criterion for success met.</b>	Curriculum compliance and self study reports will be completed by Oct. 2007.

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	Hold at least one special	This strategy will be	Three of the four focus	The Border health track

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	focus group meeting to develop the graduate curriculum.	achieved when a focus group has met at least once and developed learning objectives in a special clinical rotation track by May 31, 2007.	groups have met to develop the graduate curriculum in the capstone tracks in geriatrics, Emergency medicine, and rural medicine. <b>Criterion for success met.</b>	curriculum will be address and develop by the end of Fall 2007.
Partner with the local community in providing educational opportunities to students. (3)	Increased number of clinical sites by an additional 5 sites.	Achievement will be met when 5 additional sites have been secured as compared to AY 2005-2006.	More than 5 clinical sites have been added to our clinical rotations. <b>Criterion for success met.</b>	Additional clinical sites will be recruited in areas of most need.

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