

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Physician Assistant Program Mission and Goals

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.

1. Provide students clinical opportunities in primary care rural or 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
Student % Participation in a rural or underserved primary care clinical rotation	100%	100%	100%

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

2. Admit students 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
Underrepresented Minority in Medicine (URM)	5	4	3
URM Disadvantaged	19	20	18
Disadvantaged (other minority and white)	18	15	20
Total Diversity (URM and disadvantaged status)	42	39	41
Total Diversity Class Percentage	70%	68%	68%

*Categories are mutually exclusive



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Applicants with Diverse Life Experiences

Benchmarks:

- a. Direct Patient Care Hours >2,000 hours average for cohort
- b. Volunteer Hours Average >300

Diversity of Life Experiences

	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Direct Patient Care Hours Average	2893	2778	2779
Volunteer Hours Average	362	465	464

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

Benchmarks: Provide educational opportunities for stigma reduction and better understanding of underserved populations with 100% of students exposed to four or more stigma reduction experiences and one or more volunteer opportunities.

Percentage of Student Experiences by Cohort

	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Stigma Reduction Educational Activities		
Substance Use Disorder Patient Panel	100%	100%
LGBTQ+ Healthcare Disparities Workshop	100%	100%
Racial and Ethnic Healthcare Disparities Workshop	98%	100%
Food Insecurity Workshop	100%	100%
Medication Assisted Treatment Waiver Training	100%	100%
Language Barriers Workshop	100%	100%
Percentage of Students Participating in Four or More Workshops	100%	100%
Volunteer Opportunities		
Percentage of Students Participating	100%	100%