PTA Program Outcomes and Objectives

1. **Recognize both individual and cultural diversity, responding appropriately in all aspects of physical therapy services.**
   - Students/graduates will communicate with all members of the healthcare team in a manner that reflects their knowledge, respect and sensitivity to cultural issues.
   - Students/graduates will communicate effectively verbally, non-verbally and in writing, with others for the benefit of patients, colleagues and other members of the health care team.

2. **Safely and effectively implement selected components of physical therapy interventions under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist.**
   - Students/graduates will be able to collect data that will assist in the decision-making process to progress the patient.
   - PTA program will have ≥ 80% on employer satisfaction surveys regarding graduates’ entry-level ability and program effectiveness in student preparation for employment.

3. **Progress the patient through the plan of care, making necessary modifications within the plan of care toward the achievement of the patient goals, and communicating all progressions and modifications with the physical therapist.**
   - The PTA program will have ≥ 80% pass rate on national licensure exam for a 3 year average.
   - Students/graduates will implement appropriate physical therapy interventions based on the plan of care established by a licensed physical therapist.

4. **Apply multiple methods of acquiring knowledge and skills in support of lifelong learning and career development to ensure continued competence**
   - Students/graduates will be able to self-assess their strengths and weaknesses to promote professional and personal growth.
   - Graduates will participate in continuing education programs to update their knowledge and skills.

5. **Comply with all laws governing the practice of physical therapy.**
   - Graduates will work in a manner consistent with their state practice act and APTA’s Standards of Ethical Conduct for the Physical Therapist Assistant.

6. **Demonstrate commitment to the physical therapy profession through involvement in community and state chapter events.**
   - Participates in community health fairs, institutional opportunities for promoting physical therapy, APTA membership and state chapter activities.
   - The PTA program will have a minimum of 75% student membership in the APTA.

7. **Participate in community service projects and meet the human resources of the community.**
   - The PTA program will have ≥ 95% positive placement for students seeking employment within one year after passing the licensure exam for a 3 year average.