BU Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine
Physician Assistant Program

Class of 2023 Boston University PA Program Goals Report (Standard A3.12b)

Goal 1: Provide the didactic and clinical experiences that cultivate the development of competent entry level physician assistants.

A. Disease and Therapy Course Outcomes: The Boston University PA Program's unique didactic curriculum combines second year MD and didactic phase PA students in the same systems-based course for the study of pathology, pathophysiology, pharmacology and microbiology called Disease and Therapy (DRx). The mean exam scores for the 30 PA students in the Class of 2023 was 1-5 points below the mean exam scores for the 160 MD students with a standard deviation of 5-7 for each group.

B. Exit Survey: The Exit Survey includes assessment of our goals from the perspective of the graduating students using a 5-point Likert Scale (0= not applicable, 1=strongly disagree, 2=disagree, 3=neutral, 4=agree, 5= strongly agree). The Class of 2023 score for this goal was 4.28.

Goal 2: Support an environment of professionalism within the program and the broader medical community.

A. Exit Survey: The Exit Survey includes assessment of our goals from the perspective of the graduating students using a 5-point Likert Scale (0= not applicable, 1=strongly disagree, 2=disagree, 3=neutral, 4=agree, 5= strongly agree). The Class of 2023 score for this goal was 4.12.

B. Preceptor Evaluations: Students in the clinical phase are assessed on professionalism in every rotation via the preceptor evaluation and the class scores for each rotation are shown in Table 2.1 below. The average of the professionalism score for all students in the required rotation was 4.70 for the class of 2023. There were no students who fell below the program required passing score of 3.5.

Table 2.1 Mean Professionalism Score in required Rotations, Class of 2023	
Required Supervised Clinical Practice Experience (Clinical Rotation)	**Class of 2023 Professionalism Mean**
Emergency Medicine	4.88
Internal Medicine	4.75

Family Medicine	4.48
Surgery	4.76
Ob-Gyn	4.56
Pediatrics	4.55
Neurology	4.88
Psychiatry	4.86

Goal 3: Prepare students to care for all patients, including those from marginalized and medically under-served communities.

A. **Exit Survey:** The Exit Survey includes assessment of our goals from the perspective of the graduating students using a 5-point Likert Scale (0= not applicable, 1=strongly disagree, 2=disagree, 3=neutral, 4=agree, 5= strongly agree). The Class of 2023 score for this goal was 4.40.

B. **Exit Survey.** The exit survey requests a ranking of the statement, *The clinical curriculum made me feel well prepared to enter clinical practice.* The Class of 2023 score was 3.44.

Goal 4: Prepare students to practice medicine as an ethical member of a patient-centered, interdisciplinary health care team.

A. **Exit Survey:** The Exit Survey includes assessment of our goals from the perspective of the graduating students using a 5-point Likert Scale (0= not applicable, 1=strongly disagree, 2=disagree, 3=neutral, 4=agree, 5= strongly agree). The Class of 2023 score for this goal was 4.44.

B. **Preceptor Evaluations:** Students in the clinical phase are assessed on professional relationships and teamwork in every supervised clinical practice experience (rotation) by the preceptors using a 5-point Likert Scale (0= not applicable, 1=strongly disagree, 2=disagree, 3=neutral, 4=agree, 5= strongly agree). The question assesses the student's ability to work with other members of the health care team, showing respect for peers, preceptors and staff. Table 4.1 shows the class mean in the overall teamwork score in each of the required every supervised clinical practice experience (rotations). There were no students in any rotation who fell below the program required passing score of 3.5. The average of the teamwork score for all students in the required rotation was 4.69 for the class of 2023.

Table 4.1 Mean Teamwork Score in Required Rotations, Class of 2023	
Required Supervised Clinical Practice Experience (Clinical Rotation)	**Class of 2022 Teamwork Mean**
Emergency Medicine	4.88
Internal Medicine	4.77

Family Medicine	4.46
Surgery	4.54
Ob-Gyn	4.62
Pediatrics	4.47
Neurology	4.88
Psychiatry	4.86

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