

# MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY

Mercyhurst University  
Department of Physician Assistant Studies  
Program Outcomes Report  
October 20, 2023

1. Provide curriculum to ensure the necessary knowledge and skills for entry into physician assistant practice

: Preceptor Preparedness Survey of student preparation for rotations

: Preceptor Preparedness Survey aggregate rating of 3/5 on a Likert scale

: The 2023 cohort received an average aggregate Likert rating above goal at 4.95/5.00

- The overall average for all graduates, for all rotations was 4.89/5.00

• : End of Rotation Examination (EORE) scores

Average norm-adjusted score on all EOREs per cohort of 80% or above

: The 2023 cohort received an average norm-adjusted EORE scores is above goal at 90.96%

- The overall average for all graduates, for all End of Rotation Exams was 87.13%

2. Prepare graduates to enter the physician assistant workforce

: Alumni Survey  
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- o Member of PSPA Speaker Selection Committee and Education Committee, 2019-present.
- o Fitzgerald, M. (2020) **Pediatric Orthopedics From Flat Heads to Funky Feet Curvy Spines in Between** Podium presentation at the Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants 45<sup>th</sup> Annual CME Conference: October 21. Erie, PA.
- o Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice mini-
- o Fitzgerald, M. (2023) **Pediatric Orthopedics From Flat Heads to Funky Feet Curvy Spines in Between.** Podium presentation at the American Academy of Physician Assistants Annual CME Conference: May 21. Nashville, TN.

Katelyn Ponsoll, MHS, PA-C

- o JAAPA Peer Reviewer. 2021-Present.
- o Participant in the AAPA 2022 Call for Graders and Call for Presentations, 2021-2023.
- o Advocate for changes to state legislation for the PA profession with Capitol Hill Days, 2021.
- o Member of PSPA Speaker Selection Committee and Education Committee, 2021-present.

Kara Richardson, MPAS, PA-C

- o Member of PSPA Speaker Selection Committee, December 2022-January 2023.
- o Member of the PSPA Speaker Presentation Naming Committees, January 2023.
- o Member of the PSPA Conference Planning Committee, December 2022-present.
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- o Writer and Leader of PAEA Surgery End of Rotation Rapid Item Writing Workgroup, September 2023.
- o Completed Applying Functional Medicine in Clinical Practice Online course, May-August 2023.
- o Inducted into Pi Alpha National Honor Society for Physician Assistants, May 2023.

- The DPAS faculty has always met our

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: Student and faculty participation in diversity, equity, and inclusion activities