

Rehabilitation Science

Office or Department of Academic Affairs

Administrative Unit Assessment

Year Reporting: FY 20 (July 2019-July 2020)

Department and Assessment Report Information

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Departmental Mission and Goals

The mission and goals of the department should be consistent over a 5 year period, although some institutional changes may necessitate and prompt a change in mission or goals for specific departments. In this section, you will report the mission statement for your department as well as the long term goals (5 year range) for the department.

What is the mission statement for this department/area? Your mission should explain why the department/area exists and who it serves.	The mission of the Department of Rehabilitation Science is to discover and disseminate rehabilitation knowledge and develop leaders in healthcare who will improve the quality of life, participation, health, performance, and well-being of diverse populations throughout Georgia.
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What are the goals for this department? These should be the "big things" the department/area intends to accomplish within 5 years.	1. The Department of Rehab Science will increase overall enrollment by 5% each year as measured by enrollment tracking data. 2. Successfully complete ACOTE candidacy application for a master of science in occupational therapy by Dec. 2021. 3. Complete the OTA Program Self-Study by August 2021. 4. Complete the on-site re-accreditation visit for the OTA Program with no more than 2 areas of improvement. 5. Complete the initial on-site accreditation visit for the MSOT Program and achieve accreditation status.
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Objectives

Each year, every department should identify objectives the department hopes to accomplish in the next year. These should align with departmental goals and the MGA strategic plan. In the next section you will be reporting on the objectives you set and whether or not you achieved them in FY20. Later in the document you will report on objectives you hope to accomplish in the coming fiscal year, FY21.

Objective 1

Objective 1: What was this department's first objective for this fiscal year? Objectives should be specific, measurable, and achievable within one year.	The Department of RS will increase retention rate of new students formally admitted to the OTA Program to 75% within one year.
Objective 1: Detail how your department measured this objective? (Survey, budget number, number of participants, jobs completed, measurable time and/or effort)	Retention rate
Objective 1: What was your target outcome for this objective? (1.e. 80% participation, 5% enrollment growth, 7% change in engagement)	75%
Objective 1: At what level did the department/area achieve on this objective? (This should be a number, i.e. 82%, 6%, 345 attendees, 75% engagement)	87%
Objective 1: Did your department meet this objective?	The department exceeded this objective.
Objective 1: What did your department learn from working toward this objective? What changes will you make based on this effort next year?	We learned that students connect with the material better in the first year when they are able to have some real-life interaction. We implemented virtual guest lectures from real occupational therapy clients that increased student connection to the profession.

Objective 2

Objective 2: What was this department's second objective for this fiscal year? Objectives should be specific, measurable, and achievable within one year.	The Department of RS will maintain an NBCOT pass rate for the OTA Program >90%
Objective 2: Detail how your department measured this objective? (Survey, budget number, number of participants, jobs completed, measurable time and/or effort)	NBCOT pass rate
Objective 2: What was your target outcome for this objective? (1.e. 80% participation, 5% enrollment growth, 7% change in engagement)	90%
Objective 2: At what level did the department/area achieve on this objective? (This should be a number, i.e. 82%, 6%, 345 attendees, 75% engagement)	95%
Objective 2: Did your department meet this objective?	The department exceeded this objective.
Objective 2: What did your department learn from working toward this objective? What changes will you make based on this effort next year?	We learned that the NBCOT prep class we offer our students each year combined with our rigorous curriculum and level II fieldwork continue to enable our students to be successful on the NBCOT exam. We will continue to offer this prep class.

Objective 3

Objective 3: What was this department's third objective for this fiscal year? Objectives should be specific, measurable, and achievable within one year.	The Department of RS will increase enrollment in the RS Program by 10% within one year.
Objective 3: Detail how your department measured this objective? (Survey, budget number, number of participants, jobs completed, measurable time and/or effort)	Enrollment in Intro to Rehab Professions
Objective 3: What was your target outcome for this objective? (1.e. 80% participation, 5% enrollment growth, 7% change in engagement)	10% enrollment growth in introduction course
Objective 3: At what level did the department/area achieve on this objective? (This should be a number, i.e. 82%, 6%, 345 attendees, 75% engagement)	10%
Objective 3: Did your department meet this objective?	The department met this objective.
Objective 3: What did your department learn from working toward this objective? What changes will you make based on this effort next year?	We know the department overall has grown more than 10% however, due to the development of tracks within the degree late in the year last year, we chose to measure this years goal by enrollment in the intro class. We now have a way to track true Rehab Science majors and will begin doing that this year.

Objective 4

Objective 4: What was this department's fourth objective for this fiscal year? Objectives should be specific, measurable, and achievable within one year.	The Department of RS will submit the required Letter of Intent to begin the accreditation process for the MSOT bridge program with ACOTE.
Objective 4: Detail how your department measured this objective? (Survey, budget number, number of participants, jobs completed, measurable time and/or effort)	Submission of Letter of Intent
Objective 4: What was your target outcome for this objective? (1.e. 80% participation, 5% enrollment growth, 7% change in engagement)	100%
Objective 4: At what level did the department/area achieve on this objective? (This should be a number, i.e. 82%, 6%, 345 attendees, 75% engagement)	100%
Objective 4: Did your department meet this objective?	The department met this objective.
Objective 4: What did your department learn from working toward this objective? What changes will you make based on this effort next year?	Our letter of intent was submitted and accepted. We are now in the pre-accreditation phase and will submit our candidacy application in December 2021.

Future Plans

<p>Please identify and detail three to four measurable objectives for the next fiscal year. In listing the objectives, please use the format shown in these examples. 1) The Department of X will improve services levels by 5% as measured by our satisfaction survey. 2) The department of X will provide training in ABC for at least 73 MGA faculty and staff.</p>	<p>1. The Department of Rehabilitation Science will increase overall enrollment by 5%. 2. The Department of Rehabilitation Science will maintain an NBCOT pass rate for the OTA Program >90%. 3. The Department of Rehabilitation Science will complete 75% of the MSOT candidacy application as evidenced by completion in the ACOTE online portal by June 30, 2021. 4. The Department of Rehabilitation Science will higher an Academic Fieldwork Coordinator for the MSOT Program by June 15, 2021 in order to comply with ACOTE standards.</p>
<p>Based on this assessment, please share your thoughts on the current status and future direction of this department or area.</p>	<p>The Department of Rehabilitation continues to be in a strong position for continued growth. Enrollment remains consistent in the OTA Program and has increased by more than 10% in the Rehabilitation Science Program. We have found and hired a Program Director for the developing MSOT bridge program and have our candidacy application due date, which strengthens our growth potential. The OTA Program's NBCOT pass rate increased from 92% to 95% in 2019, giving the MGA OTA Program the highest pass rate in the state. Our community partners and advisory board continue to be extremely supportive of our programs and are willing to develop new internship possibilities for Rehab Science and OT students.</p>

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<p>If the COVID-19 pandemic impacted this assessment cycle, please provide specific details below.</p>	<p>The OTA Class of 2020 was not able to graduate this spring due to COVID-19 which caused fieldwork sites to be unable to take fieldwork students. These students will begin their fieldwork again this fall and should graduate in December 2020. However, this means that we will not have NBCOT pass rate scores to report for 2020.</p>

