**Expected Outcomes: Certification**

Students in the PETE program will achieve Class AA certification from ASDE.

**Assessment methods**

**Method:** Survey

Upon graduation a survey is conducted.

**Findings:**

One doctoral student graduated during this interval, and he did achieve certification.

**How did you use findings for improvement?**

There is still too little data to make any conclusions about this outcome measure. The faculty will continue to monitor this metric.

**Additional comments:**

None.

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**Expected Outcomes: Employment**

Graduates will be qualified to become university faculty members or to receive post-doctoral training.

**Assessment methods**

**Method:** Survey

Upon graduation a survey is conducted.

**Findings:**

Target level: 90% of graduates will gain employment as university faculty members or will receive post-doctoral training positions within one year of graduation. Of the 7 PHD graduates, 2 have secured a tenure track position; 3 have accepted a post-doctoral position; 1 has accepted a lecturer position; 1 is studying to be a physician’s assistant. Therefore, only 71.4% achieved the stated target goal.

**How did you use findings for improvement?**

Five of the 7 graduates met the goal and the faculty believes that the 2 other graduates that do not have a position currently are pursuing appropriate pursuits. Therefore, the faculty believes that there is no need to change at this time. While we increased the percentage this year by 10% points, since this is the second year that we have failed to meet this metric, the faculty will continue to monitor this metric.

**Additional comments:**

None.

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**Expected Outcomes: Research during doctoral studies**

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Students will demonstrate advanced research and writing skills prior to the dissertation stage.

### Assessment methods

**Method**: Survey

Upon graduation a survey is conducted.

Findings:

Target goal: 75% of students will have presented a research paper at a national or regional meeting. 10% will have submitted a manuscript to a national refereed research journal in addition to their dissertation research.

How did you use findings for improvement?

Of the 7 graduating PhD students, all have presented at a national conference and all have submitted a manuscript to a referred journal that was not part of their dissertation. The faculty will continue to encourage their doctoral students to work on different projects and pursue publishable questions before restricting their focus to their dissertation work. In addition, the faculty will continue to foster the writing skills of their doctoral students.

**Additional comments:**

None.

### Expected Outcomes : Research dissertation

Students will conduct research that makes a significant contribution to the literature in exercise science.

### Assessment methods

**Method**: Advisor comment

The advisor is contacted by the SACS coordinator 3 years after graduation to determine whether the student has published any component of their dissertation.

Findings:

Target goal: 90% of manuscripts based on doctoral dissertations will be submitted in nationally refereed journals within three years of the student’s graduation.

How did you use findings for improvement?

This is the first year that we have restricted this measure to only those students who have been out of the program for 3 years. This year we had 4 students in this cohort and all 4 have had some part of their dissertation published. No change is recommended at this time. However, the faculty will continue to encourage our students to pursue interesting and valuable research questions.

**Additional comments:**

None.