

NOTES FOR OCTOBER 6, 2007

MISSION (purpose)

Definition: 1. a sending out or being sent out for a special purpose
2. a special duty for which one is sent
3. a special task to which one devotes one's life; a calling

PURPOSE

Definition: 1. something one intends to get or do
2. determination
3. the object for which something exists or is done

Syn: intention, aim, goal, mission, objective, design, desire, dream, expectation, scheme, target

Words often included in a Mission Statement to describe the expected behaviors of a graduate of an educational program in physical therapy:

- **competent**
- **caring**
- **compassionate**
- **legal**
- **ethical**

PHILOSOPHY

Definition: 1. the study of the principles underlying conduct, thought, and the nature of the universe

- 2. the general principles or laws of a field of knowledge
- 3. a particular system of ethics

Other comments:

1. (the study of knowledge) theory, reasoned doctrine, explanation of phenomena, logical concept, systematic view.

2. (a fundamental principle) truth, axiom, conception

3. (a personal attitude or belief) outlook, view, posit

USEFUL COMPONENTS OF A STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY THAT GUIDES THE CHOICE OF A CURRICULUM DESIGN, PLAN, OPERATION, AND EVALUATION

A description of:

➤ **Society**

➤ **Health care systems**

➤ **Physical Therapy, the profession**

➤ **Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant**

➤ **Educational Environments**

➤ **Faculty**

➤ **Learners**

➤ **Psychology of Learning**

➤ **Characteristics of the graduate**

CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES DEVELOPED FROM THE STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY USUALLY INCLUDE:

1. DELIVERY OF PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES

2. EDUCATION/TEACHING

3. RESEARCH

4. CONTINUING EDUCATION

5. POLITICAL AND COMMUNITY ACTION

6. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROFESSION

7. CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION (as separate from research)