**Task Force on Graduate Education: Selective Excellence**

**Program Ratings and Rationale**

Program: Physical Therapy D.P.T Program  
Rating: Exemplary

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree is a professional degree program with a sustained top five ranking in US News and World Report. The attrition rate is very low (~5%) and only one student in the last 5 years has required more than the standard 2.5 years to complete the program. The program has had a 100% pass rate on the National Physical Therapy examination over the past few years. Productivity is high and the program is currently ranked 2nd among all physical therapy programs for the number of scientific peer review publications each year (Physical Therapy 2006).

Program: Physical Rehabilitation Science Ph.D. Program  
Rating: High Quality

The goal of the Physical Rehabilitation Science PhD program is to prepare students for a career as tenure-track faculty with primary emphasis on rehabilitation research. With 6 graduate faculty in the program, admission of 2-3 new students per year is appropriate, giving a constant number of 12-18 PhD students enrolled in the program. All students receive 25-50% TA or RA assistantships and many successfully competed for NIH fellowships. The PhD program’s completion rate for those entering between 1996-2000 was very good at 71% through May 2009, with 3 students (21%) still enrolled. The median TTD for those who graduated by May 2009 was 5.4 yrs. 88% of the graduates between 1998-2003 now hold tenured or tenure track academic positions.