# UND SMHS Strategic Plan Individual Unit Report for 2021 GOAL 6 for Occupational Therapy

#### **LEARNING**

One UND Strategic Plan Goal 6: Meet educational needs of active duty and reserve personnel, veterans, and their families. Goal by 2022, A 25% increase in credit hours earned by active duty military personnel, veterans, and their families.

UND SMHS Strategic Plan Goal 6: The SMHS will determine how we may better meet the educational needs of active duty and reserve personnel, veterans, and their families.

### 1. Describe if/how your unit has addressed this goal.

To meet UND and SMHS Goal 6, the OT department has identified an increase in efforts regarding department opportunities for military personnel and families. This goal will be achieved by 1) identifying key individuals at the base with which to establish collaborative educational opportunities, 2) developing a marketing campaign in collaboration with the Alumni and Public Relations staff that will target potential long-term applicants through recruitment at the base middle school, and 3) providing support for deployed students enrolled in the OT program. Academic advisors remain in contact with deployed students to provide information regarding necessary paperwork and completion requirements. Advisors and department personnel contact the deployed student frequently to encourage the students and support health and well-being while deployed. At this time, no students are currently on active service.

#### 2. Describe how your efforts are being assessed.

Goal 6 actions steps regarding base recruitment are scheduled for the 2022/2023 academic year. An OT faculty member has identified this focus as a goal for professional development. Assessment measures will be determined at that time. Delayed With regard to recent or current students who have deployed for military service, academic advisors and program staff have taken the steps described above to assure timely completion of the OT program based on accreditation time requirements. To this point, we have one student who recently graduated (her graduation was one year delay) and we have another student who was initially expected to return this summer but has had to delay for one more year.. Delayed

#### 3. Describe how your unit analyzed these data and what assessments were determined.

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#### 4. Describe how your unit will implement any further changes and what barriers may exist.

At this time, no barriers are identified to delay this goal.

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## Additional Information on Goal 6 (optional):

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