

# UT Southwestern Medical Center

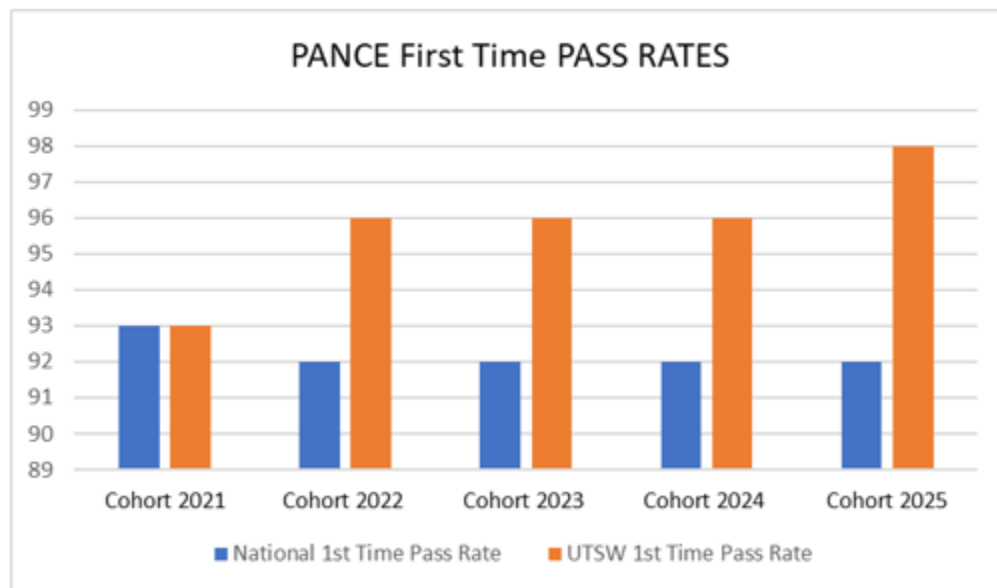
Department of Physician  
Assistant Studies

## Success in Meeting Program Goals

### PANCE Goal

To exceed the U.S. national average first-time pass rate on the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE).

- For the past five years, **96%** of UT Southwestern PA Program graduates passed the PANCE on their first attempt, meeting or exceeding the US national average each year. The UTSW PA Program's pass rate in comparison with the US national mean of first-time exam takers for the past five years is illustrated below.



### Clinical Education Opportunities

To provide student clinical education opportunities in diverse and medically underserved areas/populations.

- 100% of students in Cohorts 2023, 2024, and 2025 completed at least one supervised clinical practice experience in medically underserved areas as defined by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) up to a maximum of eight unique SCPEs across all cohorts. Qualitative data from student exit interviews show that students felt well-prepared to provide care for a diverse population.

## Scholarship, Leadership, and Service

### To demonstrate excellence in faculty scholarship, leadership, and service.

Faculty Scholarship: Faculty academic and research efforts that result in submission to and publication of manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals; intramural and extramural grant submissions and awards; scholarly presentations at local, regional, and national meetings.

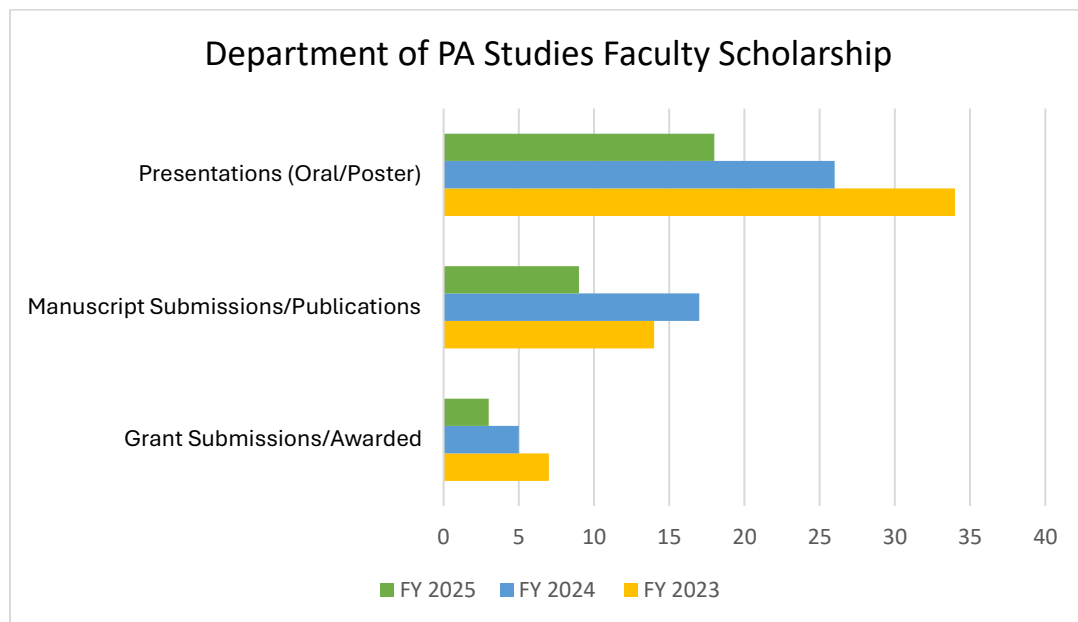
Faculty Scholarship Benchmarks:

Scholarly presentations (oral/poster):  $\geq 15$  per fiscal year

Manuscripts/Publications:  $\geq 5$  per fiscal year

Grant Submissions/Awards:  $\geq 2$  per fiscal year

- During FY2023 – FY2025, UTSW PA Program faculty met or exceeded all scholarship benchmarks.

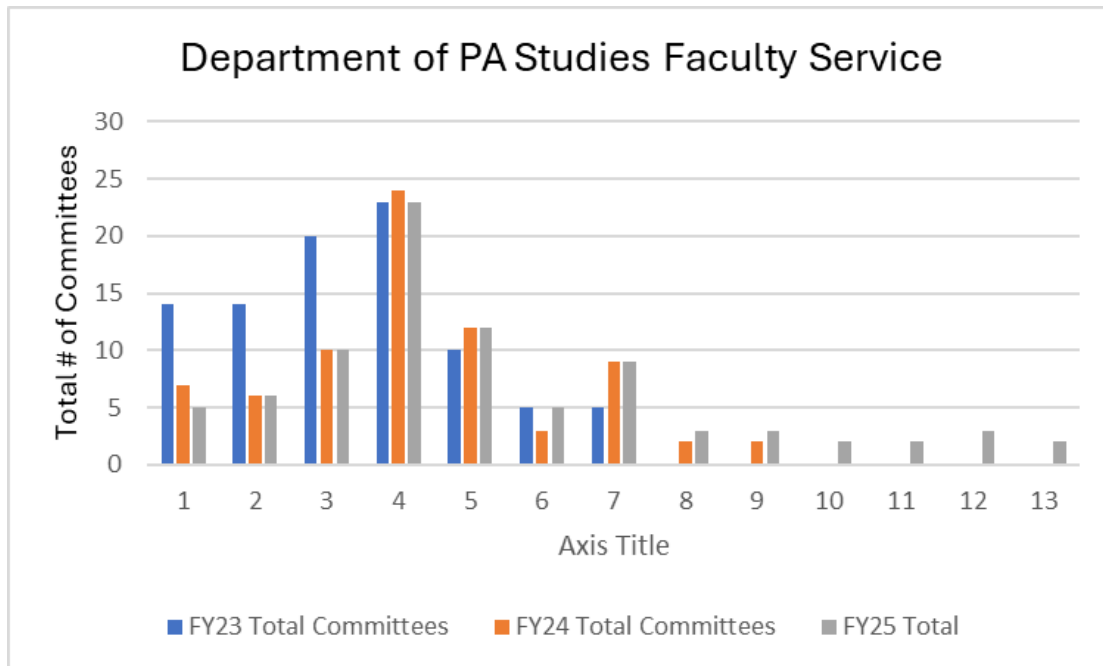


Faculty Service: Faculty membership and/or leadership of committees internal and external to the UT Southwestern School of Health Professions

#### Faculty Service Benchmark:

100% faculty participation and service in membership and/or leadership roles on  $\geq 2$  internal and/or external committees to UT Southwestern School of Health Professions.

- During FY2023 – FY2025, UTSW PA Program faculty met its service benchmark, with 100% faculty participation and service in membership and/or leadership roles on  $\geq 2$  committees internal and external to the UT Southwestern School of Health Professions. This is inclusive of committees in the department, SHP, UTSW, and external committees at the local, regional, and/or national levels.



#### Evidence Based Medicine (EBM) and Quality Improvement/Patient Safety (QI/PS) Curricula

**Provide longitudinal educational experiences in evidence-based medicine (EBM) and quality improvement and patient safety (QI/PS).**

- The program is successful in its implementation of EBM and QI/PS longitudinally across the curriculum, as illustrated below. Graduating student feedback on the Student Exit Interview for Cohorts 2023-2025 indicates that the program's curriculum provided sufficient breadth and depth in the interpretation and application of medical literature to patient care.
- 100% of students complete our EBM curriculum, which includes longitudinal experiences focused on critical appraisal of research articles and application to clinical care. This includes the completion of a one (1) credit hour didactic course followed by an EBM module as part of the eight-week Family Medicine clinical rotation. Additionally, students have the option of selecting EBM, i.e., Patient Oriented Evidence that Matters (POEMS) or the Quality Improvement (QI) Fellowship as the focus of their graduate project.
- 100% of students complete didactic phase lectures addressing the basic concepts of QI/Patient Safety and how to conduct QI/PS projects. In the clinical phase, all students' complete assignments designed to enhance the implementation of QI/PS projects upon graduation, i.e., personal QI project.

