Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science

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Physical therapists provide services to people with and without impairments, functional limitations, disabilities, or pain from activity, age, injury, disease, and/or surgery. The mission of the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science is to prepare a clinical and scientific workforce that leads patients, health systems, and a diverse society toward greater health. The department achieves this mission by cultivating excellence in education and clinical practice, discovering and disseminating new knowledge, and developing leaders who serve the profession and society.

The department's guiding principles are articulated through their priorities, focusing on creative people, operational efficiency, innovative discovery, and offering a high-value education. Their team of faculty, staff, and students use these priorities to organize and develop annual goals and strategies to address rapid changes in education, research, and healthcare. These priorities are designed to stimulate continual reflection and discussion about present and future needs to advance the profession, University of Iowa Health Care, the Carver College of Medicine, and the University of Iowa. The Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science is located in the Carver College of Medicine on the University of Iowa health sciences campus.