Provide an example of the program’s most interesting or important assessment finding that demonstrates the program’s success associated with a program learning outcome.

In assessing all inclusive data of Marquette's Physician Assistant program, the most significant assessment finding is that the national board certification scores (NCCPA) continue to rate far above the national average in all disciplines. It is of significance that the program not only continues to score above average on the national exam, but consistently exceeds its own prior performance scores for each graduating class.

Describe an assessment result that indicates an opportunity for improvement and identify the specific actions the program will take to improve student learning.

Learning outcome # 5 (Demonstrate cultural understanding and sensitivity in interactions with patients of diverse socioeconomic, ethnic, and alternative backgrounds) yields over half of Marquette PA students in the "Exceeds Expectations" category. The new Community Outreach program within the PA program will implement a 2 hour session in the fall semester of the second year that will allow students to function as student practitioners in a homeless community medical clinic under the supervision of faculty, and practice patient education for ongoing care. The patient population is that of the inner city Milwaukee homeless and uninsured who have no primary health care. The goal is to provide the students with opportunities to integrate health care and raise their own self-awareness of what it means to practice in a diverse culture.