

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: May 17, 2021

TO: Prospective and Enrolled Students in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at University of Puerto Rico in Ponce

FROM: Program Faculty and Administration

SUBJECT: Probationary Accreditation Status

On April 27, 2021 the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) continued the Probationary Accreditation status of the Physical Therapist Assistant Education Program at University of Puerto Rico in Ponce. Probationary Accreditation is an accredited status, but it does signal compliance issues in the program that are significant enough to jeopardize the quality of the program and that, if not addressed, may result in accreditation being withdrawn. CAPTE has reached this decision after a thorough review of materials provided by the program. The compliance issues have been clearly identified in CAPTE's Summary of Action and a timeline for addressing the issues has been established. Normally, Probationary Accreditation does not extend beyond two years; CAPTE can, however, withdraw accreditation at any time a program is on probation if the situation warrants such an action.

Because Probationary Accreditation is an accredited status, students currently enrolled in the program who graduate in a timely manner will graduate from an accredited program. Similarly, prospective students who are admitted to the program are admitted to an accredited program. However, if in the future CAPTE withdraws accreditation, only students enrolled in the final twelve months of the program at the time of the final decision to withdraw accreditation will be considered by CAPTE to be graduates of an accredited program.

In the interest of the public trust that the accreditation process serves, all enrolled and prospective students are hereby notified that the accreditation status of the Physical Therapist Assistant Education Program at the University of Puerto Rico in Ponce is in jeopardy if the identified compliance issues are not adequately addressed in the time provided.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program of the University of Puerto Rico in Ponce is committed to complying with the two-year pass rate of 85%, to maintain our accreditation status.

Questions about the compliance issues resulting in probation should be directed to the program faculty. Questions regarding the accreditation process may be directed to the Department of Accreditation, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, American Physical Therapy Association, 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085.

