



MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 27, 2021

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

FROM: Dr. José A. Cruz Salgado, Program Coordinator  
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SUBJECT: Show Cause – Probationary Accreditation Status

On November 2, 2021 the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) issued a Show Cause notice to the physical therapist assistant education program at University of Puerto Rico in Ponce. CAPTE reached this decision after a thorough review of all relevant materials. The deficiencies have been clearly identified in CAPTE's Summary of Action.

Show Cause shall be considered notice of impending Withdrawal of Accreditation if evidence of sufficient improvement is not submitted by the institution prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of CAPTE.

Show Cause shall be used only when an established program's status is Probationary Accreditation and CAPTE judges that there is clear evidence of continuing circumstances that jeopardize the ability of the institution to sustain an accredited program and that the institution has not been able to mitigate. Show Cause shall be in effect only until the next regularly scheduled meeting of CAPTE at which time CAPTE will act on the information available to it.

In the interest of the public trust that the accreditation process serves, all enrolled and prospective students are hereby notified that a statement of Show Cause has been issued to the physical therapist assistant education program at University of Puerto Rico in Ponce on November 2, 2021. When Show Cause is used, the program will be provided with a statement of the reasons for possible withdrawal and asked for additional information, in the form of a Compliance Report, for consideration at the next CAPTE meeting. The program's probationary accreditation status will remain unchanged until action is taken at the next meeting.

Should you have any questions regarding the accreditation status of this program, please contact the institution or the Department of Accreditation, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, American Physical Therapy Association, 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085.

