



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 6, 2022

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

FROM: Dr. José A. Cruz Salgado, Program Director

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Accreditation Status

On April 26, 2022 the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) withdrew accreditation from the physical therapist assistant education program at University of Puerto Rico at Ponce. CAPTE reached this decision after a thorough review of all program materials. The deficiencies have been clearly identified in CAPTE's Summary of Action.

Withdraw Accreditation is an adverse decision that can be reconsidered by CAPTE upon request from the program and institution. Reconsideration usually occurs at the next meeting of CAPTE in the spring or fall. If the program does not seek reconsideration, then the decision to withdraw will be final. If the program seeks reconsideration and the decision to withdraw is reversed, the program will regain an accredited status. If on reconsideration the original decision is upheld, the decision to withdraw will be final unless the program appeals that decision to an Appeal Panel and the Appeal Panel finds that the decision should not be upheld.

Students who are enrolled in the final year of the program on the effective date of the final decision to withdraw accreditation will be considered graduates of an accredited program, provided they successfully complete the program in the original time frame scheduled for their graduation. Subject to individual state statute, those students should be able to sit for the licensure exam. However, students enrolled in earlier phases of the program on the effective date of the final decision to withdraw and students admitted to the program after the effective date of the final decision will not be considered 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that accreditation of the physical therapist assistant education program at University of Puerto Rico in Ponce has been withdrawn.

Should you have any questions regarding the accreditation status of this program, please contact the Dr. José A. Cruz Salgado, Program Director calling at 787-844-8181, ext. 2414 or 2415 or for e-mail [jose.cruz1@upr.edu](mailto:jose.cruz1@upr.edu) 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.

