

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12/12/2023

TO: Prospective and Enrolled Students in the Physical Therapist/Physical Therapist Assistant Program at SUNY Broome Community College

FROM: Program Faculty and/or Administration

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Accreditation Status

On October 31, 2023 the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) withdrew accreditation from the physical therapist/physical therapist assistant education program at SUNY Broome Community College. 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of the physical therapist/physical therapist assistant education program at SUNY Broome Community College has been withdrawn.

The program is in the process of seeking a reconsideration of this action. The decision to withdraw accreditation was based on the programs noncompliance with element 1C2; ultimate licensure pass rates are at least 85%, averaged over two years. The program is working diligently to assist graduates in preparing for the licensing exam and is optimistic we will be in compliance with element 1C2 within the required time period.

A copy of this letter and a list of all individuals to whom it has been distributed are being sent to CAPTE at its request. CAPTE expects that the program will provide students with accurate information about the program's status of Accreditation Withdrawn and reasonable information about the identified deficiencies. Questions about the compliance issues should be directed to the program faculty. In addition, CAPTE reserves the right to disclose the Accreditation Withdrawn status to the public. Should you have any questions regarding the accreditation status of this program, please contact the program faculty or the Department of Accreditation, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, American Physical Therapy Association, 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100 | Alexandria, VA | 22305-3085.