



North Central State College

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 1, 2022

TO: Prospective and Enrolled Students in the Physical Therapist/Physical Therapist Assistant Program at North Central State College

FROM: Program Faculty and/or Administration

SUBJECT: Probationary Accreditation Status

On April 26, 2022, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) placed the physical therapist assistant education program at North Central State College on Probationary Accreditation status. 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enough to jeopardize the quality of the program and that, if not addressed, may result in accreditation being withdrawn.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 time line 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 North Central State College is in jeopardy if the identified compliance issues are not adequately addressed in the time provided.

The notification of probation was delivered as part of a larger Summary of Action which cited two issues in reference to the PTA program at NC State:

- 1) [1C2] The pass rate for licensure of NC State graduates has dropped below the 85% required to maintain accreditation. Currently, the two-year pass rate for graduates passing on their first attempt is 74.29%.
- 2) [4G] Conditional Compliance with anticipated completion October 2022: Program Director demonstrates experience in educational theory and methodology, instructional design, student evaluation and outcome assessment, including the equivalent of nine credits of coursework in educational foundations, or previous CAPTE granted exemption.

A response to the Summary of Action is being filed with CAPTE and relevant offices at the State of Ohio which includes a plan to satisfy both deficiencies identified in the probation notification within the time constraints required for lifting the probationary status.

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 Probationary Accreditation and reasonable information about the identified deficiencies. In addition, CAPTE reserves the right to disclose the Probationary Accreditation status to the public.

Questions about the compliance issues resulting in probation should be directed to the Program Director Allyson McCune via email amccune@ncstatecollege.edu or office phone number 419-755-5634. 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.