



North Central State College

December 6, 2023

To: All faculty and staff of North Central State College, all prospective students, and all students currently enrolled in the NC State College Physical Therapist Assistant Program

From: Dorey Diab, President & C.E.O. NC State,
Kelly Gray, V.P. Academic Services, NC State and
Leesa Cox, Dean of Health Sciences, NC State

Re: Updates regarding the CAPTE announcement and next steps.

On October 31, 2023, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) took action to withdraw accreditation of the NC State Physical Therapist Assistant Program effective December 31, 2023. North Central State College was notified of this decision on November 30, 2023. This decision was based on CAPTE criterion 1C2, which requires that pass rates on the licensure exam for graduates of the PTA program be at least 85% over a two-year average review period.

The pass rates for NC State for the 2020-2021 review period was 84.62% and our current review period (2021-2022 graduates) was 83.87%. With 20 students or less in each class, each student represents a significant swing in the percentages reported to CAPTE.

This decision was not a surprise to our administration. Significant concerns were raised about the program more than two years ago which were immediately addressed by the dean of the department, and the administration of the college. However, some students were affected and the program outcomes above reflect that reality. College administration will continue to work toward a favorable resolution of this situation for all current and future students.

Currently enrolled students who will complete their studies in spring 2024 will graduate from NC State with a fully accredited degree, and be able to take the licensure exam for the PTA credentials. If a student cannot complete their coursework by May of 2024, NC State will assist the student in transferring credits to another institution to complete their PTA degree.

Next steps for NC State. We have decided to appeal the Withdrawal of Accreditation decision using the process set forth in the CAPTE accreditation handbook. The first part of this process is a request for reconsideration, which has been filed by the college.

We are required to communicate the decision of CAPTE to all persons affected by the withdrawal of accreditation decision. This letter serves as one method of notification. In addition, we will include an informational banner at the top of the webpage for the [PTA program](#).

If you have any additional questions, please contact any of the undersigned. We will be happy to discuss this situation with you further.

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