

Public Disclosure Notice

The following public information is provided by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) regarding the

**Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Inter American University of Puerto Rico - Ponce
Ponce, Puerto Rico**

CAPTE is a specialized accrediting agency that accredits physical therapy educational programs across the United States. The information presented below is in accord with CAPTE's disclosure policy; staff of the Commission cannot comment further on questions specifically related to the physical therapist assistant education program at **Inter American University of Puerto Rico - Ponce**.

On **April 25, 2023**, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist assistant education program at **Inter American University of Puerto Rico - Ponce**.

ACCREDITATION WITHDRAWN

What is the program's Accreditation Status?

Accreditation Withdrawn

CAPTE will act to withdraw Accreditation when a program's accreditation status is Probationary Accreditation and it has failed to show evidence of substantial compliance with any one or more of the Standards and Required Elements within two (2) years of being determined to be out of compliance or, if the program has been granted an extension of probation for good cause and the program has failed to demonstrate compliance within the maximum two year extension period.

Why was accreditation withdrawn?

The program was originally placed on Probation in Spring 2022 because of its inability to demonstrate compliance with the Standards and Required Elements. The program was judged to be out of compliance with the following required elements: **1C2**.

In sum, the program has remained out of compliance since Spring 2022 with 1C2 requirements such that there is reason to question the institution's ability to offer the educational experiences and outcomes to meet CAPTE standards.

What options does the program have to respond?

When accreditation is withdrawn by the Commission, programs have the right to reconsideration of the decision and another level of appeal available to accredited programs. The program was notified about its due process options in the Summary of Action and the timelines associated with each option. Failure to request reconsideration is interpreted as the institution accepting the decision and its finality on **June 9, 2023**. Once the action is final, it is not subject to further reconsideration or appeal.

Acknowledgement of Proposed Public Notice due to Accreditation staff no later than 14 calendar days following receipt of the decision, along with the official comments from the program or institution in regard to the decision, if any.
CAPTE Rules of Practice and Procedure §4.5(c)(5)

I have received and reviewed the Public Notice comments. A response is attached: Yes No

Name

Signature

Position

Date