

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education is the one accrediting agency for physical therapy education in the United States. Commissioners, program reviewers, and accreditation staff complete their work to ensure programs are meeting the standards set forth in the PT Standards and Required Elements and the PTA Standards and Required Elements. This newsletter includes information about fall 2022 CAPTE actions, changes in CAPTE Rules of Practice and Procedures effective January 2023, and other ongoing accreditation activities.

Fall 2022 Meeting Summary

CAPTE issued over 200 actions during the fall 2022 meeting. Refer to [CAPTE Fall Actions](#) to view specific accreditation decisions.

Notable CAPTE Rule Changes Effective Jan. 15, 2023

CAPTE has revised its [Mission and Vision \(2.2\)](#), and [Scope of Accreditation \(2.3\)](#).

CAPTE Mission: We promote justice, equity, diversity, and inclusivity, as we foster continuous improvement to elevate the educational community, profession, and public by furthering quality in physical therapy education and practice.

CAPTE Vision: Transforming physical therapy education to empower innovation, ensure excellence, and advance the profession for populations served.

Scope of Accreditation: CAPTE accredits physical therapist professional education programs offered at the clinical doctoral degree level by higher education institutions in the United States and internationally. CAPTE also accredits physical therapist assistant education programs offered at the associate degree level by higher education institutions in the United States.

Application for Approval of Substantive Change Due Date Changes

Programs seeking review of an Application for Approval of Substantive Change at a spring CAPTE meeting must confirm or reconfirm their intent to submit an AASC with the Accreditation staff by Jan. 15 and must submit the application by Feb. 1. Programs submitting an AASC for CAPTE consideration at a fall meeting must confirm or reconfirm by July 15 and submit the application by Aug. 1.

2023 CAPTE Fee Schedule

The 2023 CAPTE Fee Schedule is now on the [Accreditation Resource Documents](#) webpage. Look for it posted under Additional Resources. The explanation of the fees remains in the CAPTE Rules of Practice and Procedure, Part 16.

Other [CAPTE Rules of Practice and Procedure](#) changes are highlighted in the rules document.

CAPTE Defines the Credit Hour

The credit hour definition is outlined in the PT Standards 3C and 6M and in PTA Standard 3C. Both standards can be found in [the Accreditation Handbook](#).

CAPTE defines the credit hour as at least a minimum of 700 minutes per one credit hour for didactic/laboratory instruction. A full-time week of clinical education is defined as 35 hours/week. The program must meet the credit calculation as defined by the institution and approved by the institution's accrediting agency or state approval agency.

CAPTE provides the following as examples only and they are not intended to be prescriptive.

(e.g., 1 credit = 50 minutes each week times 14 weeks – 700 minutes)

(e.g., 1 credit = 60 minutes each week times 15 weeks – 900 minutes)

(e.g., 1 credit = 2 weeks of clinical education – 70 hours)

Standards Review

The Standards and Required Elements Revision Group completed the second draft of the revised PT Standards and Required Elements and the PTA Standards and Required Elements. The commission sought feedback in the Call for Comment PT Survey, PTA Survey, and listening sessions the week of March 20, 2023. Find the standards documents on the CAPTE [Accreditation Handbook webpage](#). The commission is expected to vote on a final draft in the fall.

CAPTE Review of Program Web Pages

Thank you to all programs for maintaining current main program, program outcomes, and financial fact sheet pages. Access the [2022-2023 Student Financial Fact Sheet](#) on the [Accreditation Resource Documents](#) webpage under Student Financial Fact Sheet.

Important Dates

- April 21-25: CAPTE Spring Meeting.
- May 31, PTA Town Hall; 4-5:30 p.m. ET.
- June 7, PT Town Hall; 4-5:30 p.m. ET.
- Workshops:
 - Developing Program virtual Workshop: September 14, 19, 23.
 - PTA virtual Self-study Workshop: June 5, 6, 7, 2023.
 - PT virtual Self-study Workshop: September 13, 18, 20.

New CAPTE Commissioners

CAPTE thanked commissioners who completed their terms of service:

Central Panel: Kevin Rudeen, Kathryn Dodge

PT Panel: Sandra Pennington

PTA Panel: Elane Seebo, Bradley Wood

Commissioners elected to serve a second term are: Kevin Chui, Elane Seebo, and Bradley Wood.

New CAPTE commissioners who began service Jan. 1 are:

Central Panel: Laura Forester, Nakeisha Pearson, and Brenda Lyman

PT Panel: Marina-Thais Douenat and Kimberly Acquaviva

PTA Panel: Clarence Chan

Find all [2023 commissioner bios](#) on CAPTE's website.