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- Remember to submit program notifications of changes to CAPTE through the CAPTE portal. For instructions, locate the link to the posted [CAPTE Notification Training video](#) on the CAPTE Accreditation Resource page.
- 2025 Annual Accreditation Reports due Monday, Dec. 1. The PT report opened on the portal on Sept. 25. The PTA report opened on Sept. 26. Instructions are published on the [CAPTE Annual Accreditation Report webpage](#).
 - In 2026, the CAPTE board will examine each question, balancing program work time with what data is required for CAPTE's external recognition and what data CAPTE needs to meet its accreditation responsibilities
- 2025 annual accreditation fees are due Dec. 1. Find invoices under My Orders in the CAPTE portal. The annual fee for 2026 remains \$5,085.
- The 2025 Student Financial Fact Sheet and associated instructions for PT and PTA programs are available on the [CAPTE Accreditation Resource](#) page. Programs are to post these completed forms by Oct. 15 so that prospective students have this information available to them. Accreditation staff will conduct its annual web page review in mid-January.
- Program initial and reaffirmation on-site visits scheduled beginning August 2025 will be reviewed by program reviewers using the 2024 Standards and Required Elements. A reminder to programs that Self-study Reports and Candidate for Accreditation reports are due 75 days prior to the first day of the on-site visit.
- All programs with reviews in 2026 are to submit their [travel information form](#) when submitting their Self-study Report or Application for Candidacy. The travel information form will be found at the bottom of the checklist effective Oct. 15, 2025. Programs with remaining on-site visits in 2025 submit their [travel information form](#) to KeishaPettigrew@apta.org.
- Summary of Action from 2016 to 2024 transition language — the attached file titled Narrative for transition from 2016 to 2024 SOA citations will be included by staff in the final summaries of action. During the meeting the board will engage in a discussion to determine what to require in the 2024 compliance report when the 2024 standard elevates the requirement expected of a program.

- CAPTE decision framework for transitioning from the 2016 to 2024 standards at the fall 2025 meeting.
 - If a program is in compliance with the 2016 standards, no citation will be issued.
 - If a program is not in compliance with a 2016 standard and no parallel standard is in the 2024 standards, no citation will be issued.
 - If a program is not in compliance with a 2016 standard and is not in compliance with a 2024 standard, a citation will be issued. This is when the board will engage in a discussion to determine what to require in the 2024 compliance report when the 2024 standard elevates the requirement expected of a program.
- Calculating NPTE two-year ultimate pass rate using the raw numbers rather than the weighted average.
 - Submit the program's basic score report
 - Calculate NPTE pass rate for a graduating cohort: Number of graduates who passed/Number of graduates who took the exam
 - Report the two-year average

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- Minor Modifications to the 2024 Standards and Required Elements
 - PT and PTA Element 1C2: Removed **Note**: The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy labels this "weighted average ultimate pass rate."
 - PT and PTA Standard 4A: Added a bullet stating, the program is to demonstrate compliance with the jurisdiction's practice act.
 - CAPTE interpretation of PT Standard 4A and 4D: Addressing the changes in standards and elements from 2016 to 2024 on **core and associated faculty qualifications**.
 The 2016 standard/element 4A states: "In addition, core faculty who are PTs and who are teaching clinical PT content hold an active unrestricted PT license in any U.S. jurisdiction and the state where the program is located if required by that state's jurisdiction." There is a change in the requirement as stated in the 2024 standard/element 4A: "In addition, core faculty who are physical therapists hold an active unencumbered PT license in any U.S. jurisdiction and are in compliance with the state practice act in the jurisdiction where the program is located." Effective for the 2024 standards, a core faculty member who is foreign trained as a PT and uses the PT credential must be licensed in the U.S. and be compliant with the state practice act where the program is located. A core faculty who is foreign trained as a PT and who is not licensed in the U.S. may teach in a program if they have contemporary expertise in their assigned teaching areas. They will be classified as non-PT core faculty members. The program will present information to demonstrate compliance with the U.S. jurisdiction requirement. The change in the standard also applies to associated faculty who are foreign trained (standard/element 4D).
 - PT Element 4M Evidence of Compliance: Inserted the following language to reflect CAPTE accepting faculty (nonclinical) residency program as part of the 10%. ["Indicate if any core faculty have completed the ABPTRFE Faculty \(nonclinical\) Residency program. Identify individual, where residency completed, and date of residency completion."](#)

- PTA Element 4G/4F: Inserted the following for evidence of compliance. “Provide evidence of a minimum of 60 contact hours of professional development or education comprising exclusively and comprehensively the four content areas of: education theory and methodology, instructional design, student evaluation, and outcome assessment. [Or provide evidence of completion of the ABPTRFE Faculty \(nonclinical\) Residency program. Identify the individual, where residency completed, and date of residency completion.](#)
- PT Element 6E and PTA Element 6D: Edited to remove “[and assigned instructor for each class and lab session](#)” from the evidence of compliance bullet “Schedule, outline of content, and assigned instructor for each class and lab session.”
- CAPTE voted to establish a standards review group to determine the need for revisions to the SREs. CAPTE is in the process of determining members of the standards review group. CAPTE will identify representation from each of the six program review panels by Oct. 10. Once these individuals are identified, CAPTE will reach out for other volunteers in order to appoint a Standards Review Group that broadly represents groups across the profession. CAPTE expects to complete appointments by Dec. 31, 2025, with the group beginning its work early in 2026. CAPTE will send a questionnaire asking for feedback from programs once the group is formed. Anyone interested in participating should send a current CV to [Mary Romanello](#).
- Primary panel reviewers are to reach out to the program director when reviewing AFC and SSR materials for clarification prior to a CAPTE panel meeting.

Dates to Remember

Register for CAPTE workshops through the [APTA Learning Center](#). Insert CAPTE in the search bar to find the courses.

What	Where	When
CAPTE Panel Meetings	Virtual	Sept. 24-Oct. 8
CAPTE Board Meeting	Virtual and in-person	Oct. 31-Nov. 4
PT Initial/Reaffirmation Workshop	APTA Centennial Center	Oct. 22, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Oct. 23, 8 a.m.- noon
PTA Town Hall	Virtual — Zoom link below	Dec. 2, 4 p.m. ET
PT Town Hall	Virtual — Zoom link below	Dec. 3, 4 p.m. ET
PTA Initial/Reaffirmation Workshop	Virtual	Dec. 5
PTA Candidacy Reviewer Training	Virtual	Dec. 8
PT Program Reviewer Training	Virtual	Dec. 15 and Dec. 17; 4-7 p.m.

PTA Town Hall Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://apta-org.zoom.us/j/88370028302?pwd=yrad97G6cHHzDKtApmBVXJPugAJYoL.1>

Meeting ID: 883 7002 8302

Passcode: 274879

PT Town Hall Zoom Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://apta-org.zoom.us/j/82992307047?pwd=Fte8PFaEqrWKkcUZxYGxbLxfslnJ2z.1>

Meeting ID: 829 9230 7047

Passcode: 304112

CAPTE 2026 Board and Panel Members

Congratulations to the individuals who were elected or reelected. The term of service is Jan. 1, 2026 to Dec. 31, 2028. Click [here](#) to see all 2025 CAPTE board and panel members.