



**Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education  
American Physical Therapy Association**

**SUMMARY OF ACTION**

Physical Therapist Assistant  
Heartland Community College  
1500 W. Raab Road  
Normal, IL 61761-9446

On July 21, 2015, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist assistant education program at Heartland Community College.

**Action Taken:** Grant **CANDIDATE FOR ACCREDITATION**

**Effective Date:** July 21, 2015

**Information Used to Make Decisions:** Application for Candidacy received March 1, 2015  
Candidacy Visit Report with Institution Response  
Comments from the Program Director  
Comments from the Candidacy Reviewer

**Reason for Decision:**

The Commission's decision to grant Candidate for Accreditation status is based on the program's demonstration of satisfactory progress, to date, toward achieving compliance with the evaluative criteria, such that the program appears to be of sufficient quality to matriculate students into the technical program. The Commission's decision was also based on the belief that the program will bring the areas of deficiency noted in the Summary of Action into compliance. That compliance, as well as compliance with all of the evaluative criteria, must be appropriately documented in the Self-study Report.

Candidacy for Accreditation status has been granted based on the program represented in the Application for Candidacy. Specifically, the decision was made in light of the following information:

One cohort of students per year (per §7.3(b) of CAPTE's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, April 2015)

Number of students per cohort: 16

Curricular Model: 1+1

Intended Matriculation Date: January 2016

Therefore, it is expected that the program will be implemented to reflect the information provided in the Application for Candidacy and that no substantive changes will be made. This includes no changes in cohort size or the number of cohorts to be admitted per year until the program is eligible to seek approval of substantive changes.

**Next Activity:** Self-study Report and On-site Visit in 2017

**Accreditation Decision:** Spring 2017 (based on expected graduation May 2017)

**Notices:** The program is advised to heed the following notices:

## NOTICES

### SCOPE OF COMMISSION REVIEW

Independent of any long term plans described, or alluded to, by the program in its Application for Candidacy, the scope of the Commission's review at the time of this decision to grant candidacy was based on actual and verified resources and related considerations, and not on planned or projected program resource levels to address future program changes (e.g., expansion and other program offerings, the number of cohorts admitted annually, etc.). As agreed to when the Application for Candidacy was submitted, the program is limited to enrolling one cohort annually and to maintaining class size at the approved number noted in this Summary of Action. Candidate programs are not eligible for substantive changes requiring pre-approval as described in Part 9 of CAPTE Rules of Practice and Procedure.

### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CANDIDACY AND ACCREDITATION

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### REQUIRED STATEMENT DESCRIBING THE PROGRAM'S STATUS

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Effective (insert date), (insert Name of Program/Institution) has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314; phone: 703-706-3245; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org)). Candidate for Accreditation is a pre-accreditation status of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates that the program is progressing toward accreditation and may matriculate students in technical/professional courses. Candidate for Accreditation is not an accreditation status nor does it assure eventual accreditation.

### IMPLICATIONS OF SUMMER GRADUATION

If the program plans for the charter class to graduate in July, August or September, the program is required to include information regarding the implications of a summer graduation relative to the timing of graduation and the ability to sit for the licensure exam. The statement provided in §7.89(g) of CAPTE's *Rules* is to be used for this purpose.

### ACCURATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THIS DECISION BY THE INSTITUTION

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF DECISIONS BY CAPTE**

Following all decisions, including decisions to place a program on warning, probation or show cause, or to deny candidacy, withdraw candidacy, withhold accreditation, or withdraw accreditation, the Department of Accreditation will, within 24 hours of notifying the programs and institutions of the decisions, provide notice to the public by placing notice of the decisions on its web site.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF REASONS FOR DECISIONS**

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**SUMMARY OF ACTION**

Physical Therapist Assistant  
Herzing University – Brookfield  
555 South Executive Drive  
Brookfield, WI 53005

On July 21, 2015, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist assistant education program at Herzing University – Brookfield.

**Action Taken:** Grant **CANDIDATE FOR ACCREDITATION**

**Effective Date:** July 21, 2015

**Information Used to Make Decisions:** Application for Candidacy received March 1, 2015  
Candidacy Visit Report with Institution Response  
Comments from the Program Director  
Comments from the Candidacy Reviewer

**Reason for Decision:**

The Commission's decision to grant Candidate for Accreditation status is based on the program's demonstration of satisfactory progress, to date, toward achieving compliance with the evaluative criteria, such that the program appears to be of sufficient quality to matriculate students into the technical program. The Commission's decision was also based on the belief that the program will bring the areas of deficiency noted in the Summary of Action into compliance. That compliance, as well as compliance with all of the Standards and Elements, must be appropriately documented in the Self-study Report.

Candidacy for Accreditation status has been granted based on the program represented in the Application for Candidacy. Specifically, the decision was made in light of the following information:

One cohort of students per year (per §7.3(b) of CAPTE's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, April 2015)

Number of students per cohort: 27

Curricular Model: Modified 1+1

Intended Matriculation Date: March 2016

Therefore, it is expected that the program will be implemented to reflect the information provided in the Application for Candidacy and that no substantive changes will be made. This includes no changes in cohort size or the number of cohorts to be admitted per year until the program is eligible to seek approval of substantive changes.

**Next Activity:** Self-study Report and On-site Visit in 2016

**Accreditation Decision:** Spring 2017 (based on expected graduation April 2017)

**Notices:** The program is advised to heed the following notices:

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# SUMMARY OF ACTION

Physical Therapist Assistant  
Tyler Junior College  
1400 East Fifth Street  
Tyler, TX 75798

On July 21, 2015, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist assistant education program at Tyler Junior College.

**Action Taken:** Grant **CANDIDATE FOR ACCREDITATION**

**Effective Date:** July 21, 2015

**Information Used to Make Decisions:** Application for Candidacy received March 1, 2015

Candidacy Visit Report with Institution Response

Comments from the Program Director

Comments from the Candidacy Reviewer

## **Reason for Decision:**

The Commission's decision to grant Candidate for Accreditation status is based on the program's demonstration of satisfactory progress, to date, toward achieving compliance with the evaluative criteria, such that the program appears to be of sufficient quality to matriculate students into the technical program. The Commission's decision was also based on the belief that the program will bring the areas of deficiency noted in the Summary of Action into compliance. That compliance, as well as compliance with all of the Standards and Elements, must be appropriately documented in the Self-study Report.

Candidacy for Accreditation status has been granted based on the program represented in the Application for Candidacy. Specifically, the decision was made in light of the following information:

One cohort of students per year (per §7.3(b) of CAPTE's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, April 2015)

Number of students per cohort: 20

Curricular Model: Integrated

Intended Matriculation Date: August 2015

Therefore, it is expected that the program will be implemented to reflect the information provided in the Application for Candidacy and that no substantive changes will be made. This includes no changes in cohort size or the number of cohorts to be admitted per year until the program is eligible to seek approval of substantive changes.

**Next Activity:** Self-study Report and On-site Visit in 2016

**Accreditation Decision:** Spring 2017 (based on expected graduation May 2017)

**Notices:** The program is advised to heed the following notices:

## NOTICES

### SCOPE OF COMMISSION REVIEW

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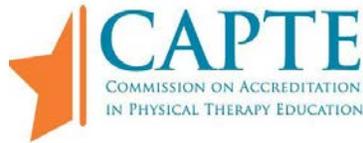
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**Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education  
American Physical Therapy Association**

**SUMMARY OF ACTION**

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program  
Methodist University  
5400 Ramsey Street  
Fayetteville, NC 28311

On July 21, 2015, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist education program at Methodist University.

**Action Taken:** Grant **CANDIDATE FOR ACCREDITATION**

**Effective Date:** July 21, 2015

**Information Used to Make Decision:**

Application for Candidacy received March 1, 2015  
Candidacy Visit Report with Institution Response received June 10, 2015  
Comments from the Program Director  
Comments from the Candidacy Reviewer

**Reason for Decision:**

The Commission's decision to grant Candidate for Accreditation status is based on the program's demonstration of satisfactory progress, to date, toward achieving compliance with the evaluative criteria, such that the program appears to be of sufficient quality to matriculate students into the professional program. The Commission's decision was also based on the belief that the program will bring the areas of deficiency noted in the Summary of Action into compliance. That compliance, as well as compliance with all of the Standards and Elements, must be appropriately documented in the Self-study Report.

Candidate for Accreditation status has been granted based on the program represented in the Application for Candidacy. Specifically, the decision was made in light of the following information:

One cohort of students per year (per §7.3(b) of CAPTE's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, April 2015)

Number of students per cohort: 40

Curricular Model: 4+3

Intended Matriculation Date: August 2015

Therefore, it is expected that the program will be implemented to reflect the information provided in the Application for Candidacy and that no substantive changes will be made. This includes no changes in cohort size or the number of cohorts to be admitted per year until the program is eligible to seek approval of substantive changes.

**Next Activity:** Self-study Report and On-site Visit in Fall 2017

**Accreditation Decision:** Spring 2018 (based on expected graduation May 2018)

**Notices:** The program is advised to heed the following notices:

## NOTICES

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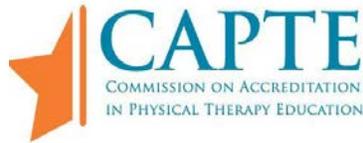
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American Physical Therapy Association**

**SUMMARY OF ACTION**

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program  
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
1125 N College Ave  
Fayetteville, AR 72703

On July 21, 2015, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist education program at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

**Action Taken:** Grant **CANDIDATE FOR ACCREDITATION**

**Effective Date:** July 21, 2015

**Information Used to Make Decision:**

Application for Candidacy received March 1, 2015  
Candidacy Visit Report with Institution Response received June 22, 2015  
Comments from the Program Director  
Comments from the Candidacy Reviewer

**Reason for Decision:**

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Number of students per cohort: 24

Curricular Model: 4+3

Intended Matriculation Date: August 2015

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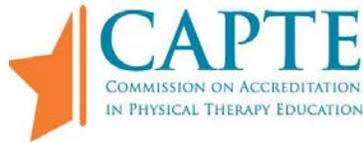
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**Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education  
American Physical Therapy Association**

**SUMMARY OF ACTION**

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program  
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
900 College Box 8010  
Belton, TX 76513

On July 21, 2015, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist education program at University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

**Action Taken:** Grant **CANDIDATE FOR ACCREDITATION**

**Effective Date:** July 21, 2015

**Information Used to Make Decision:**

Application for Candidacy received March 1, 2015  
Candidacy Visit Report with Institution Response received June 28, 2015  
Comments from the Program Director  
Comments from the Candidacy Reviewer

**Reason for Decision:**

The Commission's decision to grant Candidate for Accreditation status is based on the program's demonstration of satisfactory progress, to date, toward achieving compliance with the evaluative criteria, such that the program appears to be of sufficient quality to matriculate students into the professional program. The Commission's decision was also based on the belief that the program will bring the areas of deficiency noted in the Summary of Action into compliance. That compliance, as well as compliance with all of the Standards and Elements, must be appropriately documented in the Self-study Report.

Candidate for Accreditation status has been granted based on the program represented in the Application for Candidacy. Specifically, the decision was made in light of the following information:

One cohort of students per year (per §7.3(b) of CAPTE's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, April 2015)

Number of students per cohort: 40

Curricular Model: 4+2.33

Intended Matriculation Date: August 2015

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**Next Activity:** Self-study Report and On-site Visit in Spring 2017

**Accreditation Decision:** Fall 2017 (based on expected graduation December 2017)

**Notices:** The program is advised to heed the following notices:

## NOTICES

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