



## Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education

American Physical Therapy Association

### SUMMARY OF ACTION

Physical Therapist Assistant Program

California Baptist University

8432 Magnolia Avenue

Riverside, CA 92504

On October 25, 2017, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the decision to deny candidacy regarding the physical therapist assistant education program at California Baptist University. The institution requested that the decision be reconsidered and the request was granted.

A Reconsideration Hearing was held at APTA Headquarters on Thursday, April 26, 2018. The following decision was made subsequent to the hearing:

**Action Taken:** **Reverse the Previous Decision;  
GRANT CANDIDATE FOR ACCREDITATION**

**Effective Date:** May 2, 2018

**Information Used to Make Decisions:** Reconsideration Hearing conducted 04/26/2018  
Interviews with Institution and Program Representatives  
Additional Materials Provided On Site  
Reconsideration Support Statement received 03/2018  
Candidacy Visit Report with Institution Response received 9/20/2017  
Application for Candidacy received 06/2017

**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 Standards and Required Elements. The Commission's decision was also based on the belief that the program will bring any areas of deficiency noted in the Summary of Action into compliance

At this time, the program was judged as demonstrating satisfactory progress toward compliance with all previously cited elements: 1C4, 4A, 4C, 4J, 4N, 4O, 5B, 6E, 6J1, 6J2, 6J3, 6J4, 7D (7D1-7D31), 8C, 8D4, and 8F

Note that compliance with **all** of the standards and required 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 and additional evidence in support of Reconsideration. 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*)

Maximum Number of Students for each Cohort until eligible to seek approval of a substantive change: 22

Curricular Model: Integrated 2-year  
Intended Matriculation Date: fall 2018

Therefore, it is expected that the program will be implemented as guided through this Summary of Action and that no substantive changes will be made. This includes no changes in original cohort size and that only one cohort will be admitted per year until the program is eligible to seek approval of substantive changes.

**Next Activity:** Annual Accreditation Report December 2018

**Accreditation Decision:** Spring 2020 (based on expected graduation date – spring 2020)

## 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 for the original cohort. 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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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)). If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call [INSERT Direct Program Phone Number] or email [INSERT Direct Program Email Address].

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### **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 §7.8(d)(2)(vi) of CAPTE's *Rules* is to be used for this purpose.

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

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**Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education**  
**American Physical Therapy Association**  
**SUMMARY OF ACTION**

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program  
Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University  
5414 Brittany Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808-9139

On May 2, 2018, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist education program at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University.

<b>Action Taken:</b>	Grant <b>CANDIDATE FOR ACCREDITATION</b>
<b>Effective Date:</b>	May 2, 2018
<b>Information Used to Make Decisions:</b>	Application for Candidacy received 12/2017 Candidacy Visit Report with Institution Response received 3/13/2018 Comments from the Program Director Comments from the Candidacy Reviewer
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	<p>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 standards and required elements. 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.</p> <p>At this time, the program was judged as not demonstrating satisfactory progress toward compliance with the following elements: 2B4, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4M, 6G, 6H, 6L3, 7D, 7D11, 7D24, 7D31, 8B:</p> <p>Further, compliance with <b>all</b> of the standards and required elements must be appropriately documented in the Self-study Report.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>One cohort of students per year (per §7.3(b) of CAPTE's <i>Rules of Practice and Procedure</i>)</p> <p>Maximum Number of Students for each Cohort until eligible to seek approval of a substantive change: 40 Curricular Model: 4+3 Intended Matriculation Date: 12/1/2018</p> <p>Therefore, it is expected that the program will be implemented as guided through this Summary of Action and that no substantive changes will be made. This includes no changes in original cohort size</p>

and that only one cohort will be admitted per year until the program is eligible to seek approval of substantive changes.

**Next Activity:** Progress Report June 15, 2018

**Accreditation Decision:** Spring 2021 (based on expected graduation May 2021)

## NOTICES

### SCOPE OF COMMISSION REVIEW

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#### **IMPLICATIONS OF [JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER] GRADUATION**

The developing [physical therapy/physical therapist assistant] program at [Institution] is planning for a charter class graduation in [July/August/September], [year]. Initial accreditation decisions are acted upon at the next regularly scheduled Fall Meeting of the Commission following the on-site visit, which must occur during the penultimate term when the charter class is enrolled. CAPTE will not make exceptions to its Rules to accommodate graduation dates that precede regularly scheduled CAPTE meeting dates, e.g., graduation in the summer. A summer graduation does not allow the initial accreditation decision to occur prior to the graduation date. The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) sets the dates for licensing exams. The first sitting for which students with [an/a] [July/August/September] graduation date would be in January. Therefore, the timing of the planned graduation date increases the likelihood of a significant financial disadvantage for students due to an approximate six-month delay in possible employment as a [physical therapist or physical therapist assistant].

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**Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education**  
**American Physical Therapy Association**  
**SUMMARY OF ACTION**

Doctor of Physical Therapy Program  
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine - Suwanee  
625 Old Peachtree Road NW  
Suwanee, GA 30024-2937

On May 2, 2018, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist education program at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine - Suwanee.

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

**Effective Date:** May 2, 2018

**Information Used to Make Decisions:** Application for Candidacy received 12/2017  
Candidacy Visit Report with Institution Response received 3/20/2018  
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 standards and required elements. 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.

At this time, the program was judged as not demonstrating satisfactory progress toward compliance with the following elements: 2A, 4A, 6F, 6L3, 6L4, 8B, 8D, 8D1, 8D3, and 8F.

Further, compliance with **all** of the standards and required 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*)

Maximum Number of Students for each Cohort until eligible to seek approval of a substantive change: 40

Curricular Model: 4+3

Intended Matriculation Date: 6/1/2018

Therefore, it is expected that the program will be implemented as guided through this Summary of Action and that no substantive changes will be made. This includes no changes in original cohort size

and that only one cohort will be admitted per year until the program is eligible to seek approval of substantive changes.

**Next Activity:** Progress Report due June 15, 2018

**Accreditation Decision:** Spring 2021 (based on expected graduation June 2021)

## NOTICES

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

**SUMMARY OF ACTION**

Physical Therapy Assistant Program  
Seminole State College-Gordon Cooper Technology Center  
One John C Bruton BLVD  
Shawnee, OK 74804

On October 25, 2017, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the decision to deny candidacy regarding the physical therapist assistant education program at Seminole State College-Gordon Cooper Technology Center. The institution requested that the decision be reconsidered and the request was granted.

A Reconsideration Hearing was held at APTA Headquarters on April 27, 2018. The following decision was made subsequent to the hearing:

**Action Taken:** **Reverse the Previous Decision;  
GRANT CANDIDATE FOR ACCREDITATION**

**Effective Date:** May 2, 2018

**Information Used to Make Decisions:** Reconsideration Hearing conducted 04/27/2018  
Interviews with Institution and Program Representatives  
Reconsideration Support Statement received 03/2018  
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Application for Candidacy received 06/2017

**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 Standards and Required Elements. The Commission's decision was also based on the belief that the program will bring any areas of deficiency noted in the Summary of Action into compliance.

At this time, the program was judged as demonstrating satisfactory progress toward compliance with all previously cited elements: 2B3, 3C, 3D, 3E, 3H5, 4A, 4D, 4E, 4K, 4F, 6F, 6G, 6H, and 7C

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Maximum Number of Students for each Cohort until eligible to seek approval of a substantive change: 12

Curricular Model: 1+1

Intended Matriculation Date: 08/13/2018

Therefore, it is expected that the program will be implemented as guided through this Summary of Action and that no substantive changes will be made. This includes no changes in original cohort size and that only one cohort will be admitted per year until the program is eligible to seek approval of substantive changes.

**Next Activity:** Annual Accreditation Report December 2018

**Accreditation Decision:** Spring 2019 (based on expected graduation June 2019)

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## Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education

American Physical Therapy Association

### SUMMARY OF ACTION

Physical Therapist Assistant Program

UA Cossatot

1411 N. Constitution

Ashdown, AR 71822

On October 25, 2017, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the decision to deny candidacy regarding the physical therapist assistant education program at UA Cossatot. The institution requested that the decision be reconsidered and the request was granted.

A Reconsideration Hearing was held at APTA Headquarters on Thursday, April 26, 2018. The following decision was made subsequent to the hearing:

**Action Taken:** **Reverse the Previous Decision;  
GRANT CANDIDATE FOR ACCREDITATION**

**Effective Date:** May 2, 2018

**Information Used to Make Decisions:** Reconsideration Hearing conducted 04/26/2018  
Interviews with Institution and Program Representatives  
Additional Materials Provided On Site  
Reconsideration Support Statement received 03/2018  
Candidacy Visit Report with Institution Response received 09/20/2017  
Application for Candidacy received 06/2017

**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 Standards and Required Elements. The Commission's decision was also based on the belief that the program will bring any areas of deficiency noted in the Summary of Action into compliance

At this time, the program was judged as demonstrating satisfactory progress toward compliance with all previously cited elements: 1C, 1C5, 1C6, 2A, 2B3, 2B4, 2C, 2D, 4A, 4E, 4G, 4H, 4K, 4N, 5E, 6D, 6E, 6I1, 6J, 6J2, 6J3, 7D (1-31), 8D3, and 8D4.

Note that compliance with **all** of the standards and required 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 and additional evidence in support of Reconsideration. 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*)

Maximum Number of Students for each Cohort until eligible to seek approval of a substantive change: 16

Curricular Model: 1+1

Intended Matriculation Date: August 2018

Therefore, it is expected that the program will be implemented as guided through this Summary of Action and that no substantive changes will be made. This includes no changes in original cohort size and that only one cohort will be admitted per year until the program is eligible to seek approval of substantive changes.

**Next Activity:** Annual Accreditation Report December 2018

**Accreditation Decision:** Fall 2019 (based on expected graduation August 2019)

## 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 for the original cohort. Candidate programs are not eligible for substantive changes requiring pre-approval as described in Part 9 of CAPTE Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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