**CAPTE 2024 First Quarter Newsletter**

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# **News to Know**

* **Notification Process Change**Remember to submit notifications through the CAPTE portal. Locate the link to the posted CAPTE Notification Training video on the [CAPTE Accreditation Resource](https://www.capteonline.org/faculty-and-program-resources/resource_documents) page.
* **New CAPTE Program Review Process Effective Jan. 1, 2024**

CAPTE implemented its new accreditation review process effective Jan. 1, 2024. Programs under review in 2024 and 2025 for candidacy, initial, or reaffirmation accreditation have confirmed their scheduled on-site visit date. Self-study reports are due 75 days prior to the beginning of the scheduled on-site visit.

Below is an example of an on-site visit plan communicated to a program with an upcoming on-site visit. The name was changed from alternate OSV date to resubmission OSV date to reflect the resubmission. The resubmission OSV date is used if a program’s self-study report is returned to the program for revision and resubmission.

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| **SSR due 75 days prior to visit** | **OSV Start Date** | **OSV End Date** | **Resubmission OSV Start Date** | **Resubmission OSV End Date** |
| **11/1/2024** | **1/15/2025** | **1/31/2025** | **3/26/2025** | **4/10/2025** |

The new process involves a four-person team. Two reviewers complete a document review and submit their draft report. Staff review the document review report to determine if the on-site visit continues as planned. Two reviewers complete the on-site visit once the Self-study Report is approved to move to the on-site visit phase.

All programs with initial or reaffirmation accreditation visits scheduled in 2025 have confirmed their on-site visit dates, and staff are working to develop the review teams.

Programs with on-site visits scheduled through spring 2025 can access their self-study report form on the portal. For programs with on-site visits scheduled after spring 2025, we will notify you when the self-study report form is available on the portal. Staff are working with our vendor to complete development by summer 2024.

* **PT Fact Sheet Published**

The physical therapy program aggregate data is now accessible in the posted [2023 PT Fact Sheet](https://www.capteonline.org/about-capte/data-and-research/aggregate-program-data). The PTA Fact sheet will be posted in the second quarter.

# **CAPTE Recent Actions**

CAPTE adopted the revised Rules of Practice and Procedure during its fall 2023 meeting. The commission has noted a need for additional rule changes as we roll out the new commission structure and program review process.

* **Highlighted Rule Changes Since Jan. 2, 2024**
* 3.9(b)(18). All decisions of the CATE Board will be by a two-thirds vote.
* 3.9(c)(7). All decisions of the CAPTE Panels will be made by a majority vote.
* In the new program review process, a program has 30 days to revise and resubmit a returned self-study report. The 30-day time frame was added to Rule 8.1(e).
* 9.8 stem notes that a significant change in the structure or length of an established program requires notification to CAPTE three months prior to implementation.
* 9.11(e)(2). Programs can start per year only the number of cohorts for which they are CAPTE approved.
* 13.11. The Reconsideration Hearing Panel shall be composed of five individuals: two representatives from the PT panels, two from the PTA panels, and one public member.
* 13.10(b). Appeal panel decisions are sent 30 days after the decision.
* **Highlights to 2024 PT and PTA SREs**
* PT Standard 6D and PTA Standard 6C:
  + The requirement for integrated clinical experiences was reinserted. The Commission continues to expect clinical education to include both integrated and full-time clinical experiences.
* PT Standard 7D4 was revised to read, “Determine a diagnosis that guides future patient and client management.” The words “physical therapy” were removed.

# **New Standards and Required Elements Adopted**

Integrated clinical experiences are still required in the 2024 Standards and Required Elements.

CAPTE adopted the revised Standards and Required Elements for Accreditation of Physical Therapist Education Programs and Standards and Required Elements for Accreditation of Physical Therapist Assistant Education Programs**.**

**Programs are reminded to read the 2024 Standards and Required Elements Transition Plan.   
CAPTE will apply the current 2016 Standards and Required Elements for all programs reviewed for candidacy, initial, or reaffirmation in the 2024 calendar year.**

The PT and PTA Standards and corresponding crosswalk documents can be accessed [here](https://www.capteonline.org/faculty-and-program-resources/resource_documents/accreditation-handbook).

# **New CAPTE Structure**

CAPTE implemented its new structure effective Jan. 1, 2024. The new structure involves 73 individuals in the program review process after the on-site visit.

* 13-member CAPTE Board.
* 27 PT members, serving on three panels.
* 33 PTA members, serving on three panels.

Individuals serving as document reviewers and on-site reviewers comprise the Cadre of Reviewers. CAPTE’s current Cadre of Reviewers includes 170 individuals who completed either updated training for current reviewers or who are newly trained. Visit [CAPTE Commissioners](https://www.capteonline.org/about-capte/who-we-are/commissioners) for the list of CAPTE Board and panel members.

# **Dates to Remember in 2024**

| **Meeting** | **Format** | **Dates / Times** |
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| CAPTE spring panel meetings | Virtual | April 4-12 |
| New reviewer training | Synchronous session | April 22; 4-7 p.m. ET |
| Current reviewer annual training | Synchronous session | April 24; 4-5:30 p.m. ET |
| CAPTE Board spring meeting | Virtual  In person | April 26-27  April 29-30 |
| PTA Self-study Workshop | Synchronous session | Second quarter synchronous Q&A  Monday, June 3; 3-4 p.m. ET |
| CAPTE PT Town Hall | Virtual via Zoom | Tuesday, June 4, 3:30pm-5:00pm ET  Note: Reminder email with Zoom link will be distributed in early May. |
| CAPTE PTA Town Hall | Virtual via Zoom | Wednesday, June 5, 4-5:30 p.m. ET  Note: Reminder email with Zoom link will be distributed in early May. |
| CAPTE Board summer meeting | In person | June 27-29 |
| New reviewer training | Synchronous session | July 22; 4-7 p.m. ET |
| Current reviewer annual training | Synchronous session | July 24; 4-5:30 p.m. ET |
| PTA Self-study Workshop | Asynchronous modules with synchronous Q&A | Third quarter synchronous Q&A  Tuesday, Aug. 13; 2-3 p.m. |
| 2025 annual dues invoice | Communication to programs | By first week in September |
| PT Developing Program Workshop | Virtual | Sept. 24, 26, Oct. 1; noon-3 p.m. ET |
| CAPTE fall panel meetings | Virtual | Oct. 3-11 |
| New reviewer training | Synchronous session | Oct. 23; 4-7 p.m. ET |
| CAPTE Board fall meeting | Virtual  In person | Oct. 25-26  Oct. 28-29 |
| Current reviewer annual training | Synchronous session | Oct. 28; 4-5:30 p.m. ET |
| CAPTE PT Town Hall | Virtual via Zoom | Tuesday, Dec. 3, 3:30-5 p.m. ET |
| CAPTE PTA Town Hall | Virtual via Zoom | Wednesday, Dec. 4, 4-5:30 p.m. ET |
| PTA Self-study Workshop | Asynchronous modules with synchronous Q&A | Fourth quarter synchronous Q&A  Monday, Nov. 4; 4-5 p.m. ET |