

## Public Disclosure Notice

The following public information is provided by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) regarding the

**Associate Degree in Physical Therapy  
University of Puerto Rico  
Ponce, Puerto Rico**

CAPTE is a specialized accrediting agency that accredits physical therapy educational programs across the United States. The information presented below is in accord with CAPTE's disclosure policy; staff of the Commission cannot comment further on questions specifically related to the physical therapist assistant education program at University of Puerto Rico in Ponce.

On November 2, 2021, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist assistant education program at University of Puerto Rico in Ponce:

### SHOW CAUSE – CONTINUE PROBATIONARY ACCREDITATION

**What is the program's Accreditation Status?**

Probationary Accreditation

Show Cause shall be considered notice of impending Withdrawal of Accreditation if evidence of sufficient improvement is not submitted by the institution prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of CAPTE. Probationary Accreditation is an accredited status; students who graduate from the program while it is on probation are considered to be graduates of an accredited program. Probationary accreditation indicates that there are conditions at the program that place the program's accreditation in jeopardy and provides notice to the program and the public that if the program does not address the identified conditions, accreditation will be withdrawn.

**Why is the program on probation?**

CAPTE's decision to Show Cause and Continue Probationary Accreditation is based on clear evidence of continuing circumstances that jeopardize the ability of the institution to sustain an accredited program as well as the program's inability to demonstrate compliance with the Standards and Required Elements. The program was found to be out of compliance with the following element(s): *a. 1C2 – Non-Compliance with the ultimate licensure pass rate and b. 4G – Submit evidence of educational credits of the Program Director.*

**What options does the program have to respond?**

The decision to place a program on probation may not be appealed. The program has been asked to file a Compliance Report due March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 that addresses the issues identified by the Commission. The Commission will review the Compliance Report at its April 22-26, 2022 meeting. Upon review of the report, the Commission may

- remove probation if the report satisfies the Commission's concerns, or
- continue probation if the report satisfies some but not all of the Commission's concerns, or
- withdraw accreditation if the report does not satisfy the Commission's concerns and the Commission believes that the program is not making a good cause effort to do so.

I have received and reviewed the Public Notice comments. A response is attached: Yes No

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Position

12/27/2021  
Date