

Public Disclosure Notice

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

**Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Labette Community College
Parsons, KS**

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 Labette Community College.

On April 27, 2021, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist assistant education program at Labette Community College:

**Continue Probationary Accreditation
based on a Good Cause Effort**

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

Probationary Accreditation

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to the program and the public that if the program does not address the identified conditions, accreditation will be withdrawn.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 continue Probationary Accreditation is based on the program's inability to demonstrate compliance with the Standards and Required Elements, such that the program's ability to provide an appropriate educational experience is in question. While CAPTE recognizes the program as demonstrating a good cause effort to come into compliance, the program was judged to be out of compliance with the following required element(s): **1C2**.

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

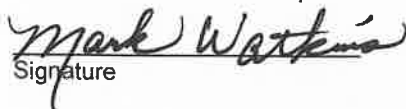
The decision to place a program on probation may not be appealed. The program has been asked to file a Compliance Report due September 1, 2021 that addresses the issues identified by the Commission. The Commission will review the Compliance Report at its October 29 – November 2, 2021 meeting. Upon review 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.

Acknowledgement of Proposed Public Notice

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

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Re: Response to the Public Disclosure Notice

Dear CAPTE,

This letter is in response to and acknowledges the receipt of the Public Disclosure Notice placing Labette Community College's Physical Therapist Assistant program on Probationary Accreditation on April 27, 2021.

The LCC PTA program's goal is to provide high, quality education for the students in the PTA program by establishing the highest professional and learning standards possible. Each year, LCC implements improved methods, tools, and resources for students gathered by students and advisory committee member's feedback. We are confident the changes we will continue to implement will improve upon our 84.85% national pass rate for which we were cited (falling below the two-year 85% requirement).

Labette Community College regrets moving into probationary status and will diligently work to move out of the probationary status as quickly as possible.

Respectfully,

Mark Watkins, Ed.D President
Labette Community College