

## Public Disclosure Notice

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

**Program in Physical Therapy  
Old Dominion University  
Norfolk, VA**

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 education program at Old Dominion University.

On April 27, 2021, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist education program at Old Dominion University:

**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to the program and the public that if the program does not address the identified conditions, accreditation will be withdrawn.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): **4B and 8A**.

**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.

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### Acknowledgement of Proposed Public Notice

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

Martha Walker  
Name

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Signature

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Position

May 25, 2021  
Date

Response to the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapist Education's decision to place the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Old Dominion University into the status of **Continued Accreditation with Probation** as of April 27, 2021.

The Commission found that two required elements, 4B and 8A, were out of compliance, even while acknowledging that "the activities and progress to date demonstrate a substantive effort to come into compliance..."

**4B requires that each core faculty member have a well-defined, ongoing scholarly agenda.**

Program response – Several scholarly products submitted in the fall semester addressed this element, but one manuscript was returned for revisions and was therefore not able to be counted as fulfilling this requirement.

**8A requires that the collective core faculty be sufficient in number to allow each individual core faculty member to meet teaching, scholarship, and service expectations.**

A full-time faculty position has been created with the new faculty member expected to start in July. Assistance has also been provided for Clinical Education and Admissions tasks in order to ensure that core faculty have adequate time to pursue their scholarly agendas.

Respectfully Submitted by Martha Walker PT, PhD  
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