



Public Disclosure Notice

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

**Old Dominion University
Program in Physical Therapy
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 November 3, 2020, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist education program at Old Dominion University:

Continue Accreditation and Place the Program on Probation

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to the program and the public that if the program does not address the identified conditions, accreditation will be withdrawn.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 accreditation and place the program on Probation is based on the program's inability to demonstrate compliance with the Standards and Required Elements; the program has been out of compliance with one or more elements for eighteen (18) months. The program was found to be out of compliance with the following element(s): **4B and 8A**. Additional information was also requested for element(s): **4D**.

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, 2021, that addresses the issues identified by the Commission. The Commission will review the Compliance Report at its April 23-27, 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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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 November 18, 2020.

The Commission found that two required elements, 4B and 8A, were out of compliance.

4B requires that each core faculty member have a well-defined, ongoing scholarly agenda. The Commission found that several faculty members with high teaching loads had fewer scholarly products than desired. These faculty members are extremely skilled educators who have completed the scholarship required but did not have it disseminated by time of submission of our previous report, September 1. At least three products have since been disseminated since the submission of the report, and ODU should be in compliance with this element by March 1.

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. This element is related to 4B in that it asks that we balance faculty member responsibilities so that they can attend to scholarship as well as teaching. The faculty at Old Dominion University are strong educators. Program data show that our students are exceptionally well-prepared and are highly sought after by local clinics and hospitals. The Program is committed to meeting scholarship requirements without sacrificing our high standards for teaching. University resources are being adjusted and will be reallocated to address this standard.

4D is not an element that was found to be out of compliance, but a request for additional information about a new faculty member in our developing Doctor of Occupational Therapy program who is assisting with teaching content in Interprofessional Education. This information is available and will be included in the follow-up report by March 1.

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