

Public Disclosure Notice

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

**Wor-Wic Community College
Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Salisbury, MD**

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 **Wor-Wic 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 **Wor-Wic Community College**

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to the program and the public that if the program does not address the identified conditions, accreditation will be withdrawn.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

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: Acknowledgement of Probationary Accreditation Status

To Whom It May Concern:

Wor-Wic Community College acknowledges receipt of the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) Summary of Action Report and the probationary accreditation status for the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program. The college understands the rationale for issuing the probationary status related to CAPTE Standard 4G, which requires the program director to obtain the equivalent of nine credits of coursework in educational foundations.

Since Dr. William Bails assumed the role as PTA program director, he has demonstrated commitment towards the completion of coursework in educational foundations prescribed by CAPTE. As explained in the March 2021 accreditation compliance report, Dr. Bails is completing the APTA Fellowship in Education which concludes July 2021. Upon the completion of this fellowship experience, Dr. Bails retains all program director qualifications as outlined in Standard 4G.

Thank you for your continued guidance and accreditation support of the Wor-Wic Community College Physical Therapist Assistant program. The PTA program is committed to providing quality education to its students and supports the health of the community it serves. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully,



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