

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
Polk State College
Winter Haven, FL**

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 **Polk State College**.

On **April 25, 2023** the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist **assistant** education program at **Polk State College**:

Reaffirm 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 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to the program and the public that if the program does not address the identified conditions, accreditation will be withdrawn.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 reaffirm accreditation and place the program on probation 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. The program was found to be out of compliance with the following 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, 2023** that addresses the issues identified by the Commission. The Commission will review the Compliance Report at its **Fall 2023** 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 due to Accreditation staff no later than 14 calendar days following receipt of the decision, along with the official comments from the program or institution in regard to the decision, if any.
CAPTE Rules of Practice and Procedure §4.5(c)(5)

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

Name

Signature

Position

Date