On April 25, 2023, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the Physical Therapist Assistant education program at James A Rhodes State College.

**Status:** ACCREDITATION

**Action Taken:** Request for Additional Information

**Information Used to Make Decisions:** Annual Accreditation Report

**Next Activity:** Compliance Report due **September 1, 2023**

**Reason for Decision:** The Commission's decision to continue accreditation status is based on the program's level of compliance with the Standards and Required Elements and on the expectation that the program will, within two years of first being cited, bring itself into compliance with the following element(s) noted in the Commission's Findings: 1C1.

That compliance must be appropriately documented in a Compliance Report which will be used by the Commission to determine compliance with the elements noted in the Findings and to monitor compliance with all the required elements.

The program is reminded that the status of accreditation has been continued based on the program described in the materials reviewed by the Commission. The institution and program are responsible for notifying CAPTE of all substantive changes in the program prior to implementation. Unexpected substantive changes are to be reported immediately after they occur. (See Part 9 of CAPTE's Rules of Practice and Procedure for more information about reporting changes.)
Commission’s Findings and Reasons for Decision:

The Commission is unable to determine compliance with the following required element(s) and therefore requests additional information.

1C The program meets required student achievement measures\(^1\) and its mission and goals as demonstrated by actual program outcomes.

1C1 Graduation rates\(^2\) are at least 60%, averaged over two years. If the program admits more than one cohort per year, the two-year graduation rate for each cohort must be at least 80%. When two years of data are not available, the one-year graduation rate must be sufficient to allow the program to meet the expectation for a two-year graduation rate of at least 80%.

INSTITUTION RESPONSE:

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\(^1\) **Graduate and student achievement measures**: The measures of outcome required by USDE (graduation rate, licensure pass rate, employment rate).

\(^2\) **Graduation Rate**: The percentage of students who are matriculated in the first technical course in the program after the add/drop period and who complete the program.