Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
American Physical Therapy Association
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Kirkwood Community College
Linn Regional Center
1770 Boyson Road
Hiawatha, IA 52233

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

Status: ACCREDITATION
Action Taken: Request for Additional Information
Information Used to Make Decisions: Notification received by CAPTE
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: 4G.

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.

Program Director¹

4G The program director is a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who demonstrates an understanding of education and contemporary clinical practice appropriate for leadership in physical therapist assistant education. These qualifications include all of the following:

- is a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who holds an active, unrestricted PT license or PTA license/certification in any United States jurisdiction and the state where the program is located if required by that state’s jurisdiction;
- a minimum of a master’s degree;
- a minimum of five years (or equivalent), full-time, post licensure experience that includes a minimum of three years (or equivalent) of full-time clinical experience within any US jurisdiction;
- didactic and/or clinical teaching experience;
- experience in administration/management;
- experience in educational theory and methodology, instructional design, student evaluation and outcome assessment, including the equivalent of nine credits of coursework in educational foundations, or previous CAPTE granted exemption.

INSTITUTION RESPONSE:

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¹ Program director: The individual employed full-time by the institution, as a member of the core faculty, to serve as the physical therapist assistant education program’s academic administrator: Chair, Director, Coordinator, etc.