Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
American Physical Therapy Association

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Mercyhurst University
501 East 38th Street
Erie, PA 16546

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

Status: ACCREDITATION
Action Taken: Request for Additional Information
Information Used to Make Decisions: FSBPT Licensure Pass Rate Data
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: 1C2.

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.

1C2   Ultimate licensure pass rates\(^2\) are at least 85%, averaged over two years. When two years of data are not available, the one-year ultimate rate must be sufficient to allow the program to meet the expectation for an ultimate two-year licensure pass rate of at least 85%.

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).

\(^2\) **Licensure pass rate**: The percentage of graduates who take and successfully pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE). Rates are considered to be stabilized one year after graduation.