On November 2, 2021, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist assistant education program at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

**Status:** ACCREDITATION

**Action Taken:** Continue Accreditation

**Effective Date:** November 2, 2021

**Information Used to Make Decisions:** Compliance Report received July 19, 2021

**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 professional manner in which the program has addressed the Commission's previous concerns.

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.)

**Next Activity:** Request for Additional Information due March 1, 2022
Commission’s Findings and Reasons for Decision:
The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education judged the program to be in compliance with the following previously cited required element(s): 6E. The Commission appreciates the thorough and professional manner in which these obligations have been addressed.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Due March 1, 2022
Since the program has not yet graduated its first cohort, the Commission is unable to determine compliance with the following required elements and therefore requests additional information.

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

1.) 1C1 Graduation rates 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%.

2.) 1C2 Ultimate licensure pass rates 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%.

3.) 1C3 Employment rates are at least 90%, averaged over two years. If the program admits more than one cohort per year, the two-year employment rate for each cohort must be at least 90%. When two years of data are not available, the one-year employment rate must be sufficient to allow the program to meet the expectation for a two-year employment rate of at least 90%.

4.) 1C4 Students demonstrate entry-level clinical performance during clinical education experiences prior to graduation.

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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.

3 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.

4 Employment rate: The percentage of graduates who sought employment that were employed (full-time or part-time) as a physical therapist assistant within 1 year following graduation.
5.) 1C5 The program graduates meet the expected outcomes as defined by the program.

6.) 1C6 The program meets expected outcomes related to its mission and goals.

Consultative Comment: