On April 25, 2023, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapy education program at Medical University of South Carolina.

**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.

1. **Program Director**

   4G The program director demonstrates the academic and professional qualifications and relevant experience in higher education requisite for providing effective leadership for the program, the program faculty, and the students. These qualifications include all of the following:
   
   - is a physical therapist who is licensed or regulated in any United States jurisdiction as a PT. For CAPTE accredited programs outside the United States, the program director is licensed or regulated as a PT in accordance with their country’s regulations;
   - has an earned academic doctoral degree (program directors who have been determined by CAPTE as of January 1, 2016 to meet the 2006 Evaluative Criteria expectations without an academic doctoral degree may seek an exemption from this expectation);
   - holds the rank of associate professor, professor, clinical associate professor, or clinical professor;
   - has a minimum of six years of full time higher education experience, with a minimum of three years of full-time experience in a physical therapist education program.

INSTITUTION RESPONSE:

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

2. **Full time**: 35 hours/week