Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
American Physical Therapy Association

SUMMARY OF ACTION

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On April 25, 2023, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapy education program at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Status: ACCREDITATION

Action Taken: WITHHOLD APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE

Effective Date: April 25, 2023

Information Used to Make Decisions:
- Application for Approval of Substantive Change (AASC)
- Additional Material

Reason for Decision: The Commission based its decision to withhold approval of the Application for Approval of Substantive Change due to concerns about the program's ability to comply with the following Standards and Required Elements: 4A, 4B, 6E, 8A, 8C, and 8F.

Next Activity:
- Resubmission of the AASC at the Institution’s Discretion
- Self-study Report and On-site Review in Fall 2030
NOTICES

ACCURATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THIS DECISION BY THE INSTITUTION
The institution and program must make accurate public disclosure of the accreditation or pre-accreditation status awarded to the program. Further, the United States Department of Education (USDE) requires all recognized accrediting agencies to provide for the public correction of incorrect or misleading information an institution or program releases about accreditation or pre-accreditation status, contents of reports of on-site reviews, and accreditation or pre-accreditation actions with respect to the institution or program [34 CFR 602.23(d) and 602.23(e)]. If the institution or program chooses to disclose any additional information, beyond the accreditation or pre-accreditation status that is within the scope of the USDE rule, such disclosure also must be accurate. Any public disclosure of information within the scope of the rule must include the agency’s street address, email address and phone number: Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; accreditation@apta.org; (703) 684-2782 or (703) 706-3245. If the Accreditation staff finds that an institution or program has released incorrect or misleading information within the scope of the USDE rule, then, acting on behalf of CAPTE the Accreditation staff will make public correction, and reserves the right to disclose this Summary of Action in its entirety for that purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DECISIONS BY CAPTE
Following all decisions, including decisions to place a program on warning, probation or show cause, or to deny candidacy, withdraw candidacy, withhold accreditation, or withdraw accreditation, the Accreditation staff will, within 24 hours of the official notification of the programs and institutions of the decisions, provide notice to the public by placing notice of the decisions on its web site.

RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT CHANGE(S)
The institution and program are responsible for notifying CAPTE of all reportable changes in the program prior to implementation. Unexpected changes are to be reported immediately after they occur. Reportable changes, some of which may require pre-approval, are described in Part 9 of CAPTE’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (https://www.capteonline.org/globalassets/capte-docs/capte-rules-practice-procedure.pdf). It is the program’s responsibility to be familiar with these expectations and to provide notification of program changes as required.
Commission’s Findings and Reasons for Decision:

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education has significant concerns about the program’s ability to comply with the following Standards and Required Elements: 4A, 4B, 6E, 8A, 8C, and 8F.

- Evidence to verify contemporary expertise of core and associated faculty was lacking. (4A)
- Unable to determine if core faculty are meeting scholarship expectations. (4B)
- Unable to determine capacity for ICE experiences given the increase in cohort size. (6E)
- Inaccurate reported number of faculty (9 vs 10). (8A)
- Unclear if sufficient resources are available based upon the budget presented: (8C)
  - Some line items appeared flat with no increases to support additional expenses, such as clinical education travel or clinical payment.
  - Some line items demonstrated decreases over time. One example was supplies.
  - Absence of allocations for associated faculty.
- Unclear if the 24 required new clinical education placements are new commitments or established sites. (8F)