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

**Status:** ACCREDITATION

**Action Taken:** Reaffirm Accreditation

**Effective Date:** April 25, 2023

**Information Used to Make Decisions:**
- Self-study Report
- Visit Report with Institution Response
- Comments from the Program Director
- Comments from the Team Leader
- Additional Materials

**Reason for Decision:** The Commission's decision to reaffirm accreditation status [for a period of ten years] is based on the program's compliance with all of the Standards and Required Elements.

**Next Activity:** Self-study Report and On-site Review in Fall 2032
NOTICES

REQUIRED STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS
Once a program has been accredited, and for as long as it remains accredited, the program must use the statement provided in §8.20 on all educational and promotional materials, including the institution/program web site, where the program’s accreditation status is disclosed.

| [INSERT Name of Program] at [INSERT Name of Institution] is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call [INSERT Direct Program Phone Number] or email [INSERT Direct Program Email Address]. |

NOTE: If the institution offers other physical therapy programs not subject to accreditation by CAPTE (e.g., transitional DPT, post-professional degree program, residency or fellowship), the above statement must be edited to clearly indicate that the additional programs are not accredited by CAPTE. Additionally, the information available to the public regarding these programs must clearly state that they are not accredited by CAPTE.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REASONS FOR DECISIONS
Pursuant to expectations of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, CAPTE provides public notice of the reasons for its decisions to grant candidacy, or grant or reaffirm accreditation. These notices are in addition to the notices of reasons for probation and for final adverse actions as required by the US Department of Education. The front page of this Summary of Action will be used for this purpose.

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 judged the program to be in compliance with all of the Standards and Required Elements for Accreditation of Physical Therapist Education Programs. The Commission appreciates the thorough and professional manner in which these obligations have been addressed.

Consultative Comments:

1. The program identified three overarching goals that involve students, graduates, and the program. However, based on the information provided, explicit goals related to faculty could not be determined. The program provided information that faculty related goals could be found in Goals 3-5. Additionally, discrepancies existed in the Self-study Report and Program Student Handbook for Goal 2. It is recommended that the program review the information related to Goal 2 and update relevant institutional documents for consistency. (ELEMENT 1B)

2. The Commission recognizes Mr. Just did not have a clinical or academic doctoral degree at the time of the site visit but was enrolled in his doctoral program prior to January 1, 2020. While the team learned that Mr. Just was in the dissertation phase of his PhD with a graduation date of April 2023, a phone call with the program director revealed Mr. Just will not finish in April 2023. The Commission reminds the program that CAPTE expects doctoral preparation of all core faculty. For those individuals who were enrolled in an academic doctoral degree program before 2020, the effective date is extended to December 31, 2025. (ELEMENT 4A)