On November 3, 2020, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist education program at West Virginia University.

**Status:** ACCREDITATION

**Action Taken:** Continue Accreditation

**Effective Date:** November 3, 2020

**Information Used to Make Decisions:** Compliance Report received September 3, 2020

**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:** Self-study Report and On-site Visit in Fall 2021
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), 1111 North
Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email:
adcreditation@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.

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, 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314;
acccreditation@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* ([http://www.capteonline.org/AccreditationHandbook/](http://www.capteonline.org/AccreditationHandbook/)). 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 have satisfactorily addressed the Commission’s concerns regarding the following required element: 1C3. The Commission appreciates the thorough and professional manner in which these obligations have been addressed.