



Commission on Accreditation in  
Physical Therapy Education  
American Physical Therapy Association

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Dear Dr Stehno-Bittel:

At its November 1-6, 2013 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) considered the materials submitted by the physical therapist education program at University of Kansas Medical Center. Enclosed please find a copy of the Summary of Action describing the results of the Commission's review.

The Summary of Action has two parts. The first part provides general information about the action taken by the Commission, including notices to the program. The second part provides a detailed description of the Commission's findings related to the program's compliance with individual evaluative criteria. In the interest of public disclosure of accreditation actions, the first part of the Summary of Action may be provided to the public on request. Additionally, a list of all actions taken at the November 1-6, 2013 meeting is being posted on CAPTE's web page: <http://www.capteonline.org>.

If you have any questions or need further assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact Ellen Price, Lead PT Programs Specialist, or Mary Jane Harris, PT, MS, Director, Accreditation Department, at the above address.

Best wishes in your endeavors toward a high quality physical therapist education program.

Sincerely,

Martha R Hinman, PT, EdD  
Chair, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education

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April 25-30, 2014

November 7-12, 2014

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### SUMMARY OF ACTION

Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation

University of Kansas Medical Center

Kansas City, KS 66160-0760

On November 6, 2013, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist education program at University of Kansas Medical Center.

**Status: Accreditation**

**Action Taken:** Approve Application for Substantive Change and Continue Accreditation -- Permanent Increase in Class Size to 60 students per year. This will be implemented as a permanent change beginning August 2014 with full capacity of total enrollment of 180 students to be achieved by the 2016-2017 academic year. The program is requested to note substantive change approval in future Annual Accreditation Reports (AARs) when asked to explain increases in class size. The proposed clinical education format change is also approved.

**Effective Date:** November 6, 2013

**Information Used to**

**Make Decisions:** Application for Approval of Substantive Change received September 1, 2013

**Reason for Decision:** The Commission's decision to approve the change described in the Application for Approval of Substantive Change is based on the program's proposal which substantiated the existence of appropriate resources to effectively implement the proposed change. The Commission's decision was also based on the belief that the program will maintain its compliance with the Evaluative Criteria as the approved change is implemented and will demonstrate continued compliance with all of the evaluative criteria, which must be appropriately documented in a Self-study Report during the program's next scheduled comprehensive review.

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 any additional 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 Spring 2019

**Notices:** The program is advised to heed the following notices which are appended:

ACCURATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THIS DECISION BY THE INSTITUTION

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DECISIONS BY CAPTE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REASONS FOR DECISIONS

REQUIRED STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT CHANGE(S)

## NOTICES

### ACCURATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THIS DECISION BY THE INSTITUTION

The institution and program must make accurate public disclosure of the accreditation or preaccreditation 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 preaccreditation status, contents of reports of on-site reviews, and accreditation or preaccreditation 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 preaccreditation 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; accreditation@apta.org; (703) 684-2782 or (703) 706-3245. If the Department of Accreditation 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 Department 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 Department of Accreditation will, within 24 hours of notifying the programs and institutions of the decisions, provide notice to the public by placing notice of the decisions on its web site.

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF REASONS FOR DECISIONS

Effective November 2014, pursuant to expectations of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, CAPTE will provide public notice of the reasons for its decisions to grant candidacy, or grant or reaffirm accreditation. These notices will be in addition to the notices of reasons for probation and for final adverse actions as required by the US Department of Education.

### REQUIRED STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

Once a program has been accredited, and for as long as it remains accredited, the program MUST use the following statement on all educational and promotional materials, including the institution/program web site, where the program's accreditation status is disclosed:

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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.

#### **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/>). **It is the program's responsibility to be familiar with these expectations and to provide notification of program changes as required.**