

Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education

American Physical Therapy Association

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Public Disclosure Notice

The following public information is provided by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) regarding the

**Physical Therapist Assistant Program
San Diego Mesa College
San Diego, California**

CAPTE is a specialized accrediting agency that accredits physical therapy educational programs across the United States. The information presented below is in accord with CAPTE's disclosure policy; staff of the Commission cannot comment further on questions specifically related to the physical therapist assistant education program at San Diego Mesa College. Those questions should be directed to the program.

On April 28, 2010, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist assistant education program at San Diego Mesa College:

PROBATIONARY ACCREDITATION

What is the program's Accreditation Status?

Probationary Accreditation

Probationary Accreditation is an accredited status; students who graduate from the program while it is on probation are considered to be graduates of an accredited program. Probationary accreditation indicates that there are conditions at the program that place the program's accreditation in jeopardy and provides notice to the program and the public that if the program does not address the identified conditions, accreditation will be withdrawn.

Why is the program on probation?

The program is being placed on probation because it does not meet the core faculty requirements for accredited programs. On March 1, 2010 the program submitted a Progress Report addressing this concern. The Progress Report was reviewed at CAPTE's April 23-28, 2010 meeting.

Significant among CAPTE's concerns is:

- The program has not employed two active full time faculty members simultaneously since October 2007 which exceeds the US Department of Education and Commission two year limit for a program to remain out of compliance
- The interim or acting Program Director is the only full-time faculty member employed by the institution
- There is not a full-time core faculty member who is a physical therapist

What options does the program have to respond?

The decision to continue a program on probation may not be appealed. The program has been asked to file another Progress Report due September 1, 2010 that addresses the issue identified by the Commission. The Commission will review the Progress Report at its November 12-17, 2010 meeting. Upon review of the report, the Commission may

- remove probation if the report satisfies the Commission's concerns, or
- continue probation if the report satisfies some but not all of the Commission's concerns, or
- withdraw accreditation if the report does not satisfy the Commission's concerns and the Commission believes that the program is not making a good faith effort to do so.