

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 Juan College
Farmington, NM**

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 Juan College. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting and has <not> provided comments in response.

On November 9, 2011, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist assistant education program at San Juan 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to the program and the public that if the program does not address the identified conditions, accreditation will be withdrawn.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?

CAPTE's decision to place the program on probation is based on the program's unwillingness over the past two years to demonstrate compliance with the evaluative criterion defining the parameters for the length of an accredited physical therapist assistant educational program (3.2.1.)

Significant among CAPTE's concerns are:

- The program insists on offering a degree plan that is a total of six semesters in length and, rather than evaluate the possible ways to revise the curriculum to bring the program into compliance with the criterion, is seeking exception to the requirement from the Commission. The rationale provided by the program does not establish a reason for the Commission to acknowledge an exception or set precedent for the program at San Juan College. To date, the program has presented no evidence which uniquely demonstrates the need to maintain the program at six semesters in length other than conjecture about the possible impact on program outcomes.

What options does the program have to respond?

The decision to place a program on probation may not be appealed. The program has been asked to file a Compliance Report due March 1, 2012 that addresses the issues identified by the Commission. The Commission will review the Compliance Report at its April 27-May 2, 2012 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.