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December 9, 2016

Nina Pope, PT, MS, Program Director
Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus
1700 Helberg Lane
Ozark, AR 72949

Dear Ms Pope:

At its November 4 – 9, 2016 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) considered the materials submitted by the physical therapist assistant education program at Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus. 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 standards and required elements. 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 4 – 9, 2016 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 Lisa Finnegan, Lead PTA Programs Specialist, or Sandra Wise, Senior Director, Accreditation, at the above address.

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

Sincerely,

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cc: Bruce Sikes, MSE, Chancellor
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NEXT MEETING DATES:
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October 20-25, 2017

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SUMMARY OF ACTION

Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus
1700 Helberg Lane
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On November 9, 2016, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist assistant education program at Arkansas Tech University-Ozark Campus.

Status: ACCREDITATION

Action Taken: Remove Warning and Continue Accreditation

Effective Date: November 9, 2016

Information Used to

Make Decisions: Compliance Report received August 11, 2016

Reason for Decision: The Commission's decision to remove warning and continue accreditation status is based on the program's demonstration of general compliance with the intent of 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 2024

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.