



**NEW RIVER COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
COMMUNICATION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND GRADUATES REGARDING  
WITHDRAWAL OF ACCREDITATION STATUS**

TO: Prospective Students and Graduates of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program

FROM: Dr. Richard Pagan, Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: November 10, 2017

SUBJECT: CAPTE Withdrawal of Accreditation Status for PTA Program

On November 8, 2017, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) withdrew accreditation from the physical therapist assistant education program at New River Community and Technical College effective December 9, 2017. CAPTE reached this decision after a long and thorough review of all program materials. The deficiencies have been clearly identified in CAPTE's Summary of Action.

Students who have graduated from the program are not affected by this decision and are considered graduates of a nationally accredited program. New River Community and Technical College is not accepting new students into the program until further notice. Students that have completed all program requirements, but have not taken the licensure examination or have taken it but did not achieve the passing score are still considered graduates of an accredited program and are eligible to take the licensure examination, subject to individual state statutes.

In the interest of the public trust that the accreditation process serves, prospective students and students that have graduated from the program are hereby notified that accreditation of the physical therapist assistant education program at New River Community and Technical College has been withdrawn. The College does not have any students enrolled in the program.

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New River Community and Technical College is exercising its option of requesting reconsideration of the Commission's action to withdraw accreditation. Should the request be unsuccessful, the College will appeal the decision as outlined in CAPTE's rules.

Reconsideration usually occurs at the next meeting of CAPTE in the spring or fall. As New River Community and Technical College seeks reconsideration and the decision to withdraw is reversed, the program will regain an accredited status. If on reconsideration the original decision is upheld, the decision to withdraw will be final and New River Community and Technical College will seek to appeal the decision to an Appeal Panel appointed by the APTA Board of Directors.

A copy of this letter is being sent to CAPTE at its request. CAPTE expects that students will be provided with accurate information about the program's status of Accreditation Withdrawn and reasonable information about the identified deficiencies. In addition, CAPTE reserves the right to disclose the Accreditation Withdrawn status to the public. Questions regarding the accreditation status of this program should be directed to the Office of Academic Affairs at New River Community and Technical College or the Department of Accreditation, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, American Physical Therapy Association, 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.