

**MEMORANDUM TO PROSPECTIVE AND ENROLLED STUDENTS REGARDING
UPHOLDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF ACCREDITATION STATUS**

DATE: June 14, 2018

TO: Prospective and Enrolled Students in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at New River Community and Technical College

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

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Accreditation Status

On May 2, 2018 the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) upheld its previous decision to withdraw accreditation from the physical therapist assistant education program at New River Community and Technical College. CAPTE reached this decision after a thorough review of all program materials. The deficiencies have been clearly identified in CAPTE's Summary of Action.

Uphold Withdraw Accreditation is an adverse decision that can be appealed upon request from the program and institution. The decision to withdraw will be final unless the program appeals this decision to an Appeal Panel and the Appeal Panel finds that the decision should not be upheld.

Students who are enrolled in the final year of the program on the effective date of the final decision to withdraw accreditation will be considered graduates of an accredited program, provided they successfully complete the program in the original time frame scheduled for their graduation. Subject to individual state statute, those students should be able to sit for the licensure exam. However, students enrolled in earlier phases of the program on the effective date of the final decision to withdraw and students admitted to the program after the effective date of the final decision will not be considered graduates of an accredited program.

In the interest of the public trust that the accreditation process serves, all enrolled and prospective students are hereby notified that accreditation of the physical therapist assistant education program at New River Community and Technical College has been withdrawn.

At present, the College is in the process of appealing the decision by CAPTE to withdraw program accreditation. While the College is undergoing the appeal process, the PTA program will keep its accreditation status until the final disposition of the appeal.

A copy of this letter and a list of all individuals to whom it has been distributed are being sent to CAPTE at its request. CAPTE expects that the program will provide students with accurate information about the program's status of Accreditation Withdrawn and reasonable information about the identified deficiencies. Questions about the compliance issues should be directed to the program faculty. In addition, CAPTE reserves the right to disclose the Accreditation Withdrawn status to the public. Should you have any questions regarding the accreditation status of this program, please contact the program faculty or the Department of Accreditation, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, American Physical Therapy Association, 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.