

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

DATE: October 9, 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

New River Community and Technical College appealed the decision of the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) to withdraw accreditation from the physical therapist assistant program. The Appeal Panel in the case met on September 17, 2018 to consider the submitted appeal.

The Appeal Panel has voted to uphold the Commission's decision dated May 2, 2018 to withdraw accreditation from the physical therapist assistant program at New River Community and Technical College.

Students who successfully completed all degree requirements will still be considered graduates of an accredited program. 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of the physical therapist assistant education program at New River Community and Technical College has been withdrawn.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, our intent is to begin the candidacy process. The College will provide updates, as they are available.

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expects that the program will provide students with accurate information about the program's status of Accreditation Withdrawn and reasonable information about the identified deficiencies.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 In addition, CAPTE reserves the right to disclose the Accreditation Withdrawn status to the public.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.