

Discussion Panel with Educational Accreditors

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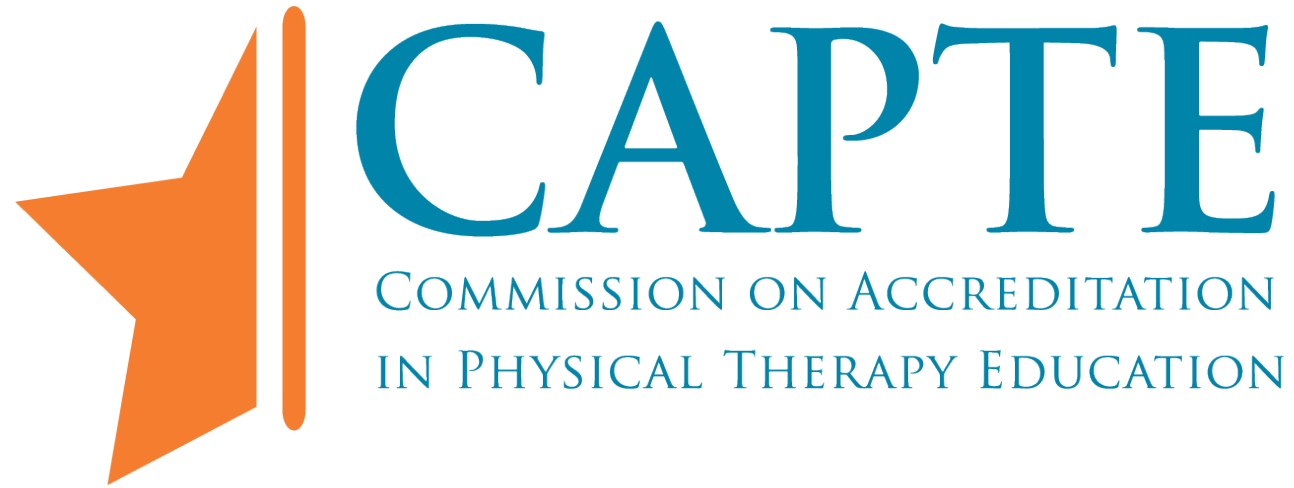
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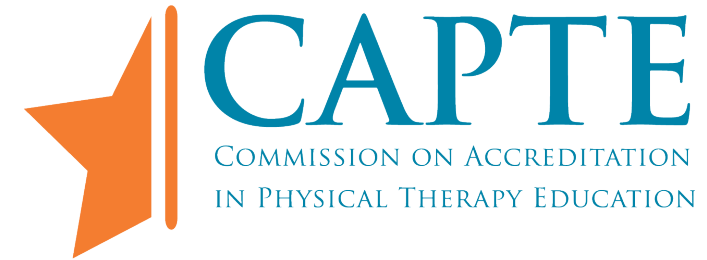


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Commission on
Accreditation in Physical
Therapy Education
(CAPTE)



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Commission of Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education



- Recognized by USDE and CHEA
- Grants specialized accreditation status to accredit entry-level education programs for physical therapists (PTs) and physical therapist assistants (PTAs).
- Recognized as an independent agency since 1977
- Only recognized agency to accredit physical therapy programs since 1983
- Accredit 255+ PT programs and 374+ PTA programs in the US and one PT program in Scotland

CAPTE

- 31 Commissioners from a variety of constituencies:
- PT and PTA clinicians, PT and PTA educators, basic scientists, higher education administrators and the public
- Review information from approximately one-third of all accredited programs at each meeting
- 300+ volunteers trained to conduct on-site reviews
- ~ 80 programs visited annually
- 10 accreditation staff

The logo for NAACLS features the acronym in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. The letters have a blue 3D shadow effect, making them appear to float above a light blue, semi-transparent, dome-shaped background that resembles a sun or a globe. The entire logo is centered horizontally.

NAACLS

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News Updates and COVID-19 Response

<https://www.naacls.org/News/NAACLS-News.aspx>

Programs

Accredited Programs

1. Cytogenetics
2. Molecular Science
3. Histotechnologist
4. Histotechnician
5. Medical Laboratory Science
6. Medical Laboratory Technician
7. Pathology Assistant
8. Doctorate in Clinical Laboratory Science

Approved Programs

1. Clinical Assistant
2. Phlebotomy



*Accreditation Review Commission on Education
for the Physician Assistant, Inc.*

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About ARC-PA



*Accreditation Review Commission on Education
for the Physician Assistant, Inc.*

- Independent accrediting body authorized to accredit qualified PA educational programs leading to the professional credential, Physician Assistant (PA)
- Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)
- Only accredits qualified PA programs offered by, or located within, institutions chartered by, and physically located within, the United States
 - And where students are geographically located within the United States for their education

What ARC-PA has done to address COVID-19 environment

- Provided guidance to programs in four different written statements
 - <http://www.arc-pa.org/arc-pas-response-to-covid-19/>
- Stance about accreditation matters:
 - Direct patient care still expected for clinical experiences
 - Programs to assure students meet program-defined competencies via assessment
 - Programs must still comply with the Standards of Accreditation
- COVID-19 forms to programs for submission and review
 - Provide description of plans made to didactic and clinical phases



Glen Mayhew, DHS, NRP
President

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program



- Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
- 25 Committees on Accreditations (CoAs)
 - 32 Professions
- Over 2100 programs
 - All 50 states
 - International
- Council for Higher Education Recognized (CHEA)

CAAHEP

- COVID-19 Approach
 - Maintain Standards
 - Encourage CoA Flexibility
 - Temporary Policy Changes
 - Mix of Substantive Change Requirements
 - Support Program Level Innovation & Creativity
 - Communication
 - Webinars
 - Site Visits Temporarily Suspended
 - Virtual Site Visits
 - [COVID-19 Information](#)

Q&A
