

MEMORANDUM TO PROSPECTIVE AND ENROLLED STUDENTS IN PROGRAMS ON PROBATIONARY ACCREDITATION STATUS

DATE: 5/25/23

TO: Prospective and Enrolled Students in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Colby

Community College

FROM: Dr. Christopher Flieg, Program Director, Physical Therapist Assistant Program, Colby

Community College

SUBJECT: Probationary Accreditation Status

On April 25, 2023, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) placed the Colby Community College Physical Therapist Assistant program on Probational Accreditation status. Probationary Accreditation is valid, and the Physical Therapist Assistant program **remains accredited**. Colby Community College has been working closely with CAPTE through this known and well-documented compliance issue. The compliance issues have been clearly identified, and significant efforts are being taken to correct them. As this process takes time to overcome, probationary accreditation status was anticipated and expected. Colby Community College fully expects to return to non-probationary status in the near future.

Probationary Accreditation is an accredited status. Prospective students who are admitted to the program are admitted to an accredited program and will graduate from an accredited program.

In the interest of public trust, all enrolled and prospective students are hereby notified that the accreditation status of the Physical Therapist Assistant program at Colby Community College is presently out of compliance, and efforts continue to be made to remediate the issue. Our goal is to return to full compliance in a timely manner.

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. Questions about the compliance issues resulting in probation should be directed to me. Questions regarding the accreditation process may be directed to the Department of Accreditation, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, American Physical Therapy Association, 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085.

Please email Dr. Christopher Flieg, PT, DPT, CSCS, PTA Program Director at Colby Community College, christopher.flieg@colbycc.edu, or call (785) 460-5443 for any questions/concerns.