

# CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## PTA PROGRAM TIMELINE

Graduation from a physical therapist assistant education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; phone; 703-706-3245; accreditation@apta.org is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states. Candidacy is considered to be an accredited status, as such the credits and degree earned from a program with Candidacy status are considered, by CAPTE, to be from an accredited program. Therefore, students in the charter (first) class should be eligible to take the licensure exam even if CAPTE withholds accreditation at the end of the candidacy period. That said, it is up to each state licensing agency, not CAPTE, to determine who is eligible for licensure. CAPTE Rules of Practice and Procedure (22.3.1.2) 55 Information on licensing requirements should be directed to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT;www.fsbpt.org) or specific state boards (a list of state boards and contact information is available on FSBPT's website.

Effective October 31, 2023, Central Carolina Community College has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; phone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org). If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call Tiffany Needham, Department Chair at (919) 545-8652 or email [tneedham@cccc.edu](mailto:tneedham@cccc.edu).

Candidate for Accreditation is an accreditation status of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates the program may matriculate students in technical/professional courses. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status does not assure that the program will be granted Initial Accreditation.

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- 2016-2020: Needs assessment data collected and feasibility study completed
  - February 2020: Dr. Denise Martin, Dean of Health Sciences and Professional Services attend mandatory CAPTE Developing Program Workshop
  - January 2021: Tiffany Needham, PTA Program Director attend mandatory CAPTE Developing Program Workshop
  - January 2021: Tiffany Needham, PTA Program Director starts at CCCC
  - September 2021: First PTA Program Advisory Board Meeting
  - January 2022: NC Community College System approval received
  - May 2022: Jason Harloff, PT, MSPT, AT-Ret as PTA Clinical Education Coordinator hired
  - March 2022: Second PTA Program Advisory Board Meeting
  - June 2022: SACS/COC prospectus submitted
  - October 2022: Third PTA Program Advisory Board Meeting
  - December 2022: Tiffany Needham, Program Director and Jason Harloff, CEC attended CAPTE Developing Program workshop
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- January 2023: Reconfirmation of Intent submitted and approved to CAPTE
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  - January 2023: AFC Review Fee submitted and cleared
  - February 2023: CSM on-demand
  - March 2023: Fourth PTA Program Advisory Board Meeting

- May 4, 2023: Submission of Application for Candidacy to CAPTE
  - May 2023: Pre-Accreditation Fee submitted and cleared
  - June 2023: Staff determination that AFC meets eligibility requirements and eligible for AFC provided to Candidacy Reviewers
  - July 25-27, 2023: On-site visit by CAPTE reviewers
  - August 2023: Institutional Response to CAPTE report visit
  - October 27-31, 2023: CAPTE Fall Meeting to determine Candidacy status
  - October 2023: APTA NC Annual Conference
  - October 31, 2023: Granted Candidate for Accreditation from CAPTE
  - Fall 2023: PTA Program application opens (pending candidacy status)
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- Spring 2024: Prospective PTA student continue working on pre-requisites and general education courses for application
  - March 2024: Closing date for PTA applications for Cohort I
  - April 2024: PTA application notifications go out for Cohort I
  - May 2024: Cohort I PTA Program seats confirmed
  - June/July 2024: Mandatory PTA Program Student Orientation
  - August 2024: PTA Technical Phase courses begin (Cohort I begins—24 students)
  - October 2024: APTA NC Annual Conference
  - Fall 2024: PTA Application open for Cohort II
  - November/December 2024: Tiffany Needham, Program Director attends CAPTE Self-Study workshop
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- Spring 2025: Elon DPT collaboration exercise (Anatomy Lab)
- March 2025: PTA Application closes for Cohort II
- April 2025: PTA Application notification go out for Cohort II
- May 2025: PTA Program Cohort II seats confirmed
- June 2025: PTA Program Mandatory Orientation
- Summer 2025: Special Olympics NC – student volunteers
- August 2025: CAPTE Self-Study Report Due
- August 2025: PTA Technical Phase courses begin for Cohort II
- October 2025: APTA NC Annual Conference
- October 2025: PTA Program Application open for Cohort III

- Fall 2025: PTA180 – PTA Clinical Education Introduction (4weeks)
  - November/December 2025: Initial Accreditation on-site visit
  - November/December 2025: Scorebuilders PTA Licensure Prep Course for all technical students
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- Spring 2026: (2) 6 weeks – PTA260AB/BB Advanced PTA Clinical Education
- Spring 2026: CAPTE decision for initial accreditation
- March 2026: PTA Application closes for Cohort III
- April 2026: PTA Application notifications go out for Cohort III
- May 2026: PTA Program Cohort III seats confirmed
- June 2026: Cohort III PTA Mandatory Program Orientation
- May 2026: Cohort I Graduation
- June 2026: PTA Program Cohort I Graduates eligible to sit for PTA Board Exam
- June 2026: Cohort III PTA Program Orientation
- August 2026: PTA Technical Phase courses begin for Cohort III