



FAULKNER

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Accreditation Process

All programs interested in starting a physical therapy program are required to submit an application for candidacy to the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Candidacy status is required to matriculate students in a DPT program. An application for full accreditation is required by all candidate programs. This application must be submitted in the second to last semester of the first cohort's program. Each application is followed by an onsite visit by an accreditation team, typically a 2-3 member team to verify information in the report. CAPTE meets two times each year, in April and October. Decisions regarding accreditation status are made during these meetings.

- **Submission of Application for Candidacy Status- December 1st, 2020**
- **CAPTE candidacy site visit - Jan 2021**
- **CAPTE decision April 2021**
- **Matriculation of Charter Class- August 2021**
- **Submission of Application for Accreditation- December 2023**
- **CAPTE Accreditation Visit - Fall 2023**
- **CAPTE Accreditation Decision - May 2024**
- **Charter Class Graduation - May 2024**
- **Charter class first eligible to sit for the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) - July 2024**

Graduation from a physical therapist education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.

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Effective April 27th 2021, Faulkner University has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 334-386-7378 or email physicaltherapy@faulkner.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 professional courses. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status does not assure that the program will be granted Initial Accreditation.