May 10, 2011

Catherine L Gohrband, PT, MHS, PCS, Director
Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Edison Community College
1973 Edison Drive
Piqua, OH 45356

Dear Ms Gohrband:

At its April 14-19, 2011 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) considered the materials submitted by the physical therapist education program at Edison Community College. Enclosed please find a copy of the Summary of Action describing the results of the Commission’s review.

The Summary of Action has two parts. The first part provides general information about the action taken by the Commission, including notices to the program. The second part provides a detailed description of the Commission’s findings related to the program’s compliance with individual evaluative criteria. In the interest of public disclosure of accreditation actions, the first part of the Summary of Action may be provided to the public on request. Additionally, a list of all actions taken at the April 14-19, 2011 meeting has been posted on CAPTE’s web page: http://www.capteonline.org.

If you have any questions or need further assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact Doug Clarke, Associate Director, or Mary Jane Harris, Director, Department of Accreditation, at the above address.

Best wishes in your endeavors toward a high quality physical therapist education program.

Sincerely,

Karen A Paschal, PT, DPT, MS
Chair, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education

cc: Kenneth A Yowell, EdD, President
Sharon Brown, MSN, Vice President for Education
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Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education
American Physical Therapy Association

SUMMARY OF ACTION
Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Edison Community College
1973 Edison Drive
Piqua, OH 45356

On April 19, 2011, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education made the following decision regarding the physical therapist assistant education program at Edison Community College.

Status: ACCREDITATION

Action Taken: Grant Accreditation

Effective Date: February 2, 2011

Information Used to Make Decisions:
Self-Study Report received December 1, 2010
Visit Report with Institution Response received March 31, 2011
Comments from the Program Director
Comments from the Team Leader

Reason for Decision:
The Commission based its decision to grant accreditation status [for a period of five years] on the program's general compliance with the intent of the Evaluative Criteria and on the expectation that the program will, within the next two years, bring itself into compliance with the criteria noted in the Commission's Findings which are attached. That compliance must be appropriately documented in a Compliance Report which will be used by the Commission to determine compliance with the criteria noted in the Findings and to monitor compliance with all the criteria.

The status of accreditation is granted to the program described in the materials reviewed by the Commission. The institution and program are responsible for notifying CAPTE of all substantive changes in the program prior to implementation. Unexpected substantive changes are to be reported immediately after they occur. Substantive changes to be reported include, but are not limited to, change in program leadership, change in the administrative structure in which the program is housed, significant change in the characteristics of students admitted to the program, significant decreases in resources available to the program (faculty, staff, space, equipment, funding, etc.), increases or decreases (greater than 25%) in the size of classes to be admitted, major curricular changes, and establishment of an expansion program. (See Part 9 of CAPTE's Rules of Practice and Procedure for more information about reporting changes.)
Graduate Performance: Because the program has not yet graduated its first class, the Commission is unable to comment at this time on student achievement.

Next Activity: Compliance Report due February 15, 2012, related to issues identified on the following pages.

Notices: The program is advised to heed the following notices which are appended (see page 3):

TWO YEAR LIMITATION ON BEING OUT OF COMPLIANCE
ACCURATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THIS DECISION BY THE INSTITUTION
PUBLIC NOTICE OF DECISIONS BY CAPTE
AUTHORIZED STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION