

RE: CAPTE Update  
TO: The American Council of Academic Physical Therapy  
The Academy of Education  
The PTA Special Interest Group  
Business Meetings  
Education Leadership Conference.  
Thursday, October 16, 2025

- **Recent CAPTE Decisions**

- Minor Modifications to the 2024 Standards and Required Elements
  - PT and PTA Element 1C2: Removed **Note:** The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy labels this “weighted average ultimate pass rate.”
  - PT and PTA Standard 4A: Added a bullet stating, the program is to demonstrate compliance with the jurisdiction’s practice act.
  - CAPTE interpretation of PT Standard 4A and 4D: Addressing the changes in standards and elements from 2016 to 2024 on core and associated faculty qualifications.

The 2016 standard/element 4A states: “In addition, core faculty who are PTs and who are teaching clinical PT content hold an active unrestricted PT license in any US jurisdiction and the state where the program is located if required by that state’s jurisdiction”. There is a change in the requirement as stated in the 2024 standard/element 4A: “In addition, core faculty who are physical therapists hold an active unencumbered PT license in any US jurisdiction and are in compliance with the state practice act in the jurisdiction where the program is located.” Effective for the 2024 standards, a core faculty member who is foreign trained as a PT and uses the PT credential must be licensed in the US and be compliant with the state practice act where the program is located. A core faculty who is foreign trained as a PT and who is not licensed in the US may teach in a program if they have contemporary expertise in their assigned teaching areas. They will be classified as non-PT core faculty members. The program will present information to demonstrate compliance with the US jurisdiction requirement.

The change in the standard also applies to associated faculty who are foreign trained (standard/element 4D).

- PT Element 4M Evidence of Compliance: Inserted the following language to reflect CAPTE accepting faculty (non-clinical) residency program as part of the 10%. “[Indicate if any core faculty have completed the ABPTRFE Faculty \(non-clinical\) Residency program.](#)”

Identify individual, where residency completed, and date of residency completion.”

- PTA Element 4G/4F: Inserted the following for evidence of compliance. “Provide evidence of a minimum of 60 contact hours of professional development or education comprising exclusively and comprehensively the four content areas of: education theory and methodology, instructional design, student evaluation and outcome assessment. Or provide evidence of completion of the ABPTRFE Faculty (non-clinical) Residency program. Identify the individual, where residency completed, and date of residency completion.
- CAPTE voted to establish a standards review group to determine the need for revisions to the SREs. CAPTE is in the process of determining members of the standards review group. Anyone interested in participating should send a current CV to [maryromanello@apta.org](mailto:maryromanello@apta.org).
- 2025 Annual Accreditation Reports due Monday, Dec. 1, 2025. The portal will open on Oct. 1, 2025. Instructions are published on the [CAPTE Annual Accreditation Report](#) web page.
- 2025 Annual accreditation fees are due Dec. 1, 2025. Find Invoices under My Orders in the CAPTE portal. The annual fee for 2026 remains at \$5085.
- Status of the development of the Standards Review Group: CAPTE will identify representation from each of the six program review panels by Oct. 10. Once these individuals are identified, CAPTE will reach out for other volunteers in order to appoint a Standards Review Group that broadly represents groups across the profession. CAPTE expects to complete appointments by Dec. 31, 2025 with the group beginning its work early in 2026. CAPTE will send a questionnaire asking for feedback from programs once the group is formed.