

Case Name: *In the Matter of* Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

Docket No.: 16-44-O

Filing Party: Respondent, Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

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Re: Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS)

Dear Director Bounds:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (Commission or CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association. The Commission is recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) to accredit entry-level physical therapist and physical therapist assistant education programs. The Commission accredits programs on the basis of the program's compliance with the Standards and Required Elements for Accreditation of Physical Therapist Assistant Education Programs, which provide, "3B The sponsoring institution(s) is (are) accredited by an agency or association recognized by the US Department of Education (USDE) or by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)."

The Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) is recognized by CHEA. Institutional accreditation by ACICS meets the CAPTE institutional accreditation requirement. Please accept this letter as acknowledgement by CAPTE that programs sponsored by ACICS-accredited institutions satisfy the CAPTE's requirements for physical therapist assistant programs.

I can be reached at 703-706-3240 or sandrawise@apta.org in connection with this letter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Michelle Edwards, President and Chief Executive Officer, ACICS