

## Licensure/Accreditation

### Licensure

Graduates of CAPTE accredited PTA Programs are eligible to sit for the PTA version of the National Physical Therapy Examination administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT). Successful completion of this exam is a necessary component, because most states require licensure or certification to work as a PTA. Alabama law requires a license to work as a PTA in the State of Alabama.

In addition to passing the NPTE, each state includes rigorous legal and ethical standards of practice. For example, the State of Alabama may deny licensure to any individual for reasons including, but not limited to, conviction of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude, or violation of state or federal narcotics laws. For more detail on the practice standards for Alabama, please visit the State of Alabama Board of Physical Therapy website at [www.pt.alabama.gov/](http://www.pt.alabama.gov/). You may also find more information about the NPTE and a listing of other state regulatory agencies and their requirements for licensure by visiting the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy at [www.fsbpt.org](http://www.fsbpt.org)

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### CAPTE Accreditation Statement

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](mailto:accreditation@apta.org) is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.

Effective April 27, 2021, Lurleen B. Wallace 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](mailto:accreditation@apta.org).

If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call (334) 382-2133 Ext. 3212 or email [tdougherty@lbwcc.edu](mailto:tdougherty@lbwcc.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.