Discussion Panel with Educational Accreditors

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Commission of Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education

- Recognized by USDE and CHEA
- Grants specialized accreditation status to accredit entry-level education programs for physical therapists (PTs) and physical therapist assistants (PTAs).
- Recognized as an independent agency since 1977
- Only recognized agency to accredit physical therapy programs since 1983
- Accredit 255+ PT programs and 374+ PTA programs in the US and one PT program in Scotland
31 Commissioners from a variety of constituencies:
- PT and PTA clinicians, PT and PTA educators, basic scientists, higher education administrators and the public
- Review information from approximately one-third of all accredited programs at each meeting
- 300+ volunteers trained to conduct on-site reviews
- ~ 80 programs visited annually
- 10 accreditation staff
Peter Hu, PhD
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News Updates and COVID-19 Response
## Programs

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About ARC-PA

• Independent accrediting body authorized to accredit qualified PA educational programs leading to the professional credential, Physician Assistant (PA)
• Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)
• Only accredits qualified PA programs offered by, or located within, institutions chartered by, and physically located within, the United States
  • And where students are geographically located within the United States for their education
What ARC-PA has done to address COVID-19 environment

- Provided guidance to programs in four different written statements

- Stance about accreditation matters:
  - Direct patient care still expected for clinical experiences
  - Programs to assure students meet program-defined competencies via assessment
  - Programs must still comply with the Standards of Accreditation

- COVID-19 forms to programs for submission and review
  - Provide description of plans made to didactic and clinical phases
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Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program

- Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
- **25 Committees on Accreditations (CoAs)**
  - 32 Professions
- Over 2100 programs
  - All 50 states
  - International
- Council for Higher Education Recognized (CHEA)
• COVID-19 Approach
  • Maintain Standards
  • Encourage CoA Flexibility
    • Temporary Policy Changes
    • Mix of Substantive Change Requirements
  • Support Program Level Innovation & Creativity
  • Communication
    • Webinars
  • Site Visits Temporarily Suspended
    • Virtual Site Visits
• COVID-19 Information
Q&A