



*Accreditation Review Commission on Education
for the Physician Assistant, Inc.*

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Dear Dr. Wilson:

The **Creighton University Physician Assistant Program** was previously granted **Accreditation-Provisional** status by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. ("ARC-PA" or the "commission"). After review at the March 2022 commission meeting, the program's accreditation status remains **Accreditation-Provisional**. This decision is based on the review of the program application and all appendices submitted to the ARC-PA, the report of the site visit team, the program's response to the site visit team's observations and the program's accreditation history.

The ARC-PA noted **0** areas of noncompliance with the *Accreditation Standards for Physician Assistant Education* (5th edition) (the "*Standards*").

Please note that the approved maximum entering class size remains **40** for the third class. The program is not to exceed that maximum entering class size number for any reason during its next and subsequent admission cycles. The program will be monitored as it progresses throughout the provisional process to be sure that program and institutional resources support the program.

The ARC-PA will not consider an increase in maximum entering class size or expansion to a distant campus until the program has held five years of Accreditation - Continued status after completing the provisional accreditation process.

The date for the **Final Provisional** review of the program by the ARC-PA will be scheduled to occur 18-24 months following the provisional monitoring accreditation action by the commission. This final review, which includes a site visit, assesses the institution's and program's demonstration of compliance with the *Standards* including the ability to incorporate and report the findings of a robust self-assessment process as required by the ARC-PA. The program will be contacted by the ARC-PA in advance of that review regarding details of the application, reports and selecting site visit dates.

Collaborating Organizations: American Academy of Family Physicians • American Academy of Pediatrics • American Academy of Physician Assistants • American College of Physicians • American College of Surgeons • American Medical Association • Physician Assistant Education Association

Member: Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA)

Recognized by: Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)

Advancement to the next step in the provisional process does not assure Accreditation-Continued status will be awarded at the next commission review, particularly if conditions as they existed or the plans as proposed at the time of the initial provisional and monitoring application review have changed substantially or if the program is unable to demonstrate compliance with the *Standards*. Failure to remain in compliance with the *Standards* at any time may be cause for an adverse accreditation action to be taken by the commission.

To communicate the program's accreditation status in all printed and electronic media, the program and institution must use the following statement **exactly** as written. Any accreditation statements used in the past must be replaced with this language.

The ARC-PA has granted **Accreditation-Provisional** status to the **Creighton University Physician Assistant Program – Omaha** sponsored by **Creighton University School of Medicine**.

Accreditation-Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program's ability to meet the ARC-PA *Standards* or when a program holding Accreditation-Provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the *Standards* as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students.

Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class.

The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at <http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-creighton-university/>.

As a reminder, any program with a PANCE pass rate percentage of 85% or less must submit an analysis of its PANCE performance to the ARC-PA within six months of providing this data within the Program Management Portal or by July 1 the year following that cohort's completion, whichever is sooner. The form for reporting PANCE results is available at <http://www.arc-pa.org/program-change-forms/>.

Additionally, 5th edition standard A3.12c states that programs must post the most current annual NCCPA PANCE Exam Performance Summary Report Last 5 Years no later than April 1 each year.

The ARC-PA appreciates the commitment and dedication to quality PA education demonstrated by your participation in the accreditation process. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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