CAPTE PT and PTA Program Accreditation Consulting

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What to have ready

This is the list we would ask for first, each item tied to what CAPTE publishes.

- The current text for your program type: the PT or the PTA 2024 Standards and Required Elements, revised 7/28/2026 (CAPTE, Accreditation Handbook [https://www.capteonline.org/faculty-and-program-resources/resource_documents/accreditation-handbook]).
- Evidence that the program meets the 2024 standards, which CAPTE expected of all programs as of January 1, 2026 (CAPTE, Accreditation Handbook [https://www.capteonline.org/faculty-and-program-resources/resource_documents/accreditation-handbook]).
- A Notification of Intent (CAPTE, Program Development [https://www.capteonline.org/faculty-and-program-resources/program-development]) and the $500 Letter of Intent to Start a New Program fee on CAPTE's 2026 fee schedule. The schedule ties that fee to placement in a review cycle (CAPTE, 2026 Fee Schedule [https://www.capteonline.org/globalassets/capte-docs/faculty-and-program-resources/2026-fee-schedule.pdf], page opened October 3, 2026). We read these as the same step. Confirm with CAPTE before paying. Verify current fees with CAPTE.
- A target review cycle, May or November (CAPTE, Program Development [https://www.capteonline.org/faculty-and-program-resources/program-development]).
- A program director hired at least 21 months before the Application for Candidacy is submitted (CAPTE, Program Development [https://www.capteonline.org/faculty-and-program-resources/program-development]).
- A second core faculty member hired at least 12 months before the Application for Candidacy (CAPTE, Program Development [https://www.capteonline.org/faculty-and-program-resources/program-development]).
- Attendance at a Developing Program Workshop. CAPTE's page says the program director and an institutional administrator must both attend one before the Application for Candidacy is submitted (CAPTE, Program Development [https://www.capteonline.org/faculty-and-program-resources/program-development], page opened October 3, 2026).
- Admissions and onboarding ready to move inside three weeks of a candidacy decision, when the first cohort may matriculate (CAPTE, Program Development [https://www.capteonline.org/faculty-and-program-resources/program-development]).
- A budget for the pre-accreditation, initial accreditation and annual fees in CAPTE's 2026 schedule (CAPTE, 2026 Fee Schedule [https://www.capteonline.org/globalassets/capte-docs/faculty-and-program-resources/2026-fee-schedule.pdf]).