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Dear Dr. Tuminez:

The **Utah Valley University Physician Assistant Program** has been granted **Accreditation-Provisional** status by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. ("ARC-PA" or the "commission"). This decision is based on the program application and all appendices submitted to the ARC-PA, the report of the site visit team and the program's response to the site visit team's observations.

The ARC-PA noted **two (2)** areas of noncompliance with the *Accreditation Standards for Physician Assistant Education* (5th edition) (the "*Standards*"). Please see the companion Word document for the complete commission report and requested response. Failure to submit a response may result in reconsideration of the program's accreditation status.

Please note that the program is approved for a maximum entering class size of up to **30.** 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 until the program has held two years of Accreditation - Continued status after completing the provisional accreditation process.

The ARC-PA will not consider expansion to a distant campus until the program has held Accreditation - Continued status for five years after completing the provisional accreditation process.

The awarding of provisional accreditation acknowledges that the PA program has the plans and resources that, if fully implemented as proposed, can lead to compliance with the *Standards*. It does not assure that accreditation-provisional will continue at the next commission review, particularly if conditions as they existed or the plans as proposed at the time of the initial provisional visit have significantly changed.

The date for the ***Provisional Monitoring*** review of the program by the ARC-PA will be scheduled to occur within six months prior to the graduation of the first cohort of students ideally occurring within the final three months of the program. 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.

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

> The ARC-PA has granted **Accreditation-Provisional** status to the **Utah Valley University Physician Assistant Program** sponsored by **Utah Valley University**.
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> 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.
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> Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class.
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> The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at **http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-ut-valley-u/**.

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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The 306 ARC–PA accredited PA programs are listed below in the listing of institutions that sponsor the programs. The listing is alphabetically by state. It includes information on the accreditation status of the programs, the timing of the next scheduled accreditation action and a summary of the commission's actions. (Please note that some programs do not have commission actions identified from their initial accreditation, depending upon the date of those actions. Before December 31, 1976, programs were accredited by the American Medical Association Council on Medical Education. From January 1, 1977–June 30, 1994, programs were accredited by the American Medical Association Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation [CAHEA]; from July 1, 1994–December 31, 2000, the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs [CAAHEP].) ARC–PA has been the accrediting organization since January 1, 2001.

Clicking on the Sponsoring Institution name below should open the program's or institution's web page. Specific address information for programs can be found on their individual web sites. The Physician Assistant Education Association's web site (PAEA) allows one to search for program by state.

Programs that do not currently offer a graduate degree must transition to conferring a graduate degree, which should be awarded by the sponsoring institution, upon all PA students who matriculate into the program after 2020. Programs that are not in compliance with the degree requirement by January 1, 2021 will have their accreditation withdrawn. Students who matriculate into such programs will be entering an unaccredited program.

SPECIAL NOTE: Please go to the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), for more information regarding accreditation, degree mills, and accreditation mills.

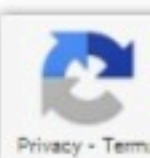A listing of accredited clinical postgraduate programs is located in the clinical postgraduate area.

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State	Sponsoring Institution for Accredited Program	Current Accreditation Status	Accreditation Actions History	Date First Accredited	Next ARC-PA Review
UT	University of Utah	Continued,D	View	11/1/1972	Mar–26
UT	Utah Valley University	*Provisional	View	6/25/2021	Jun–24

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Utah Valley University
Accreditation History

First accredited: June 2021
Next review: TBD
Maximum class size: 30
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<u>June 2021</u>
Accreditation-Provisional; Next Comprehensive Evaluation: TBD (Provisional Monitoring). The program is approved for a maximum class size of 30.
Report due February 10, 2022 (*Standards*, 5th edition) -
- ***Standard B4.03b*** (lacked evidence the program conducts and documents a summative evaluation of each student within the final four months of the program to verify each student meets the program competencies including clinical reasoning and problem-solving abilities).

No report due (*Standards*, 5th edition) -
- ***Standard A2.12*** (lacked evidence at the time of the site visit that the medical director is an active participant in the program; corrected subsequent to the visit).