

September 23, 2023

Julie Hartmann, PT
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Dear Ms. Hartmann:

The American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE or Board) met on September 22-23, 2023 and considered the renewal of accreditation for Bellarmine University Geriatric Residency.

We are pleased to inform you that, upon review of the Team Lead's Report pertaining to the May 15, 2023 focused site visit from the ABPTRFE September 2022 deferral, and subsequent July 17, 2023 program response, the Board took action to renew the accreditation of Bellarmine University Geriatric Residency for a period of 5 years through September 2027.

Accreditation by ABPTRFE is a reliable indicator of the value and quality of the Residency Program. In receiving renewal of accreditation, the program demonstrated its commitment to educational standards and ethical business practices indicative of quality, accountability, and continuous improvement that enhances the physical therapy profession.

A fundamental attribute of accreditation is quality improvement and enhancement. Therefore, the Board requests that Bellarmine University Geriatric Residency submit an Enhancement Report by **November 30, 2023** that address the item(s) listed below.

- 1) **Quality Standard 5: Assessment, Achievement, Satisfaction, and Effectiveness 5.2: Participant Progress:** The program establishes a consistent process for tracking the participant's level of achievement of the program outcomes against identified benchmarks. Overall participant progress is assessed at regular intervals to ensure timely completion and appropriate progression of participant advancement.

At the focused onsite visit in May 2023, the onsite review team identified that after review of a variety of documents, it appears that outcomes data is being collected, but it is just not currently reflected properly in the Exhibits for goals/outcomes/key indicators/benchmarks. Therefore, please provide an updated Exhibit 2 and Exhibit 3 that reflects reworded goals/outcomes and key indicators that align with each other. Also ensure that resident performance is indicated with a measurable outcome that refers to a rubric or metric rather than simply indicating "met."

ABPTRFE requests that Bellarmine University Geriatric Residency submit updated Exhibits 2 and 3, along with the submission of the Enhancement Report.

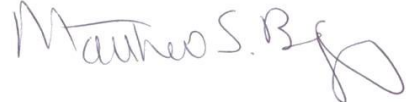
Please retain a copy of this accreditation letter for your records. Please bear in mind that the program is required to renew its accreditation before September 2027. The program will be required to begin the renewal of accreditation process a minimum of 12 months prior to the renewal date.

ABPTRFE's approach to accreditation emphasizes practices of continuous improvement and quality enhancement driven by the program's mission. The accreditation process does not assume a single model for improvement, but reflects an understanding that continuous improvement is a process that can

follow various paths to demonstrate excellence in residency and fellowship education. Further review of the Team Lead's Report is one opportunity to develop plans for future improvements. Additionally, the program is encouraged to regularly review the ABPTRFE Processes and Procedures and Quality Standards to ensure ongoing compliance.

Please keep ABPTRFE informed on a continual basis of new developments undertaken by the program in the years to come. Again, we congratulate you and your team on the renewal of accreditation of Bellarmine University Geriatric Residency. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact ABPTRFE staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew S. Briggs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "B" at the end.

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