

## Chapter PT 1

### LICENSE TO PRACTICE PHYSICAL THERAPY

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**PT 1.01 Authority and purpose.** The rules in chs. PT 1 to 9 are adopted by the physical therapists affiliated credentialing board pursuant to the authority delegated by ss. 15.085 (5) (b), 448.527, 448.55 (3), 448.56 (1m) (b) and 448.567, Stats., and govern the issuance of licenses to physical therapists under s. 448.53, Stats., the issuance of licenses to physical therapist assistants under s. 448.535, Stats., the referral for physical therapy services under s. 448.56, Stats., unprofessional conduct under s. 448.57, Stats., biennial license renewal under s. 440.08, Stats., continuing education requirements under s. 448.55 (3), Stats., continuity of care requirements under s. 448.56, Stats., and conduct of board self-audits under s. 448.567, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, September, 1995, No. 477, eff. 10-1-95; am., Register, June, 1998, No. 510, eff. 7-1-98; CR 03-020: am. Register April 2004 No. 580, eff. 5-1-04.

**PT 1.02 Definitions.** As used in chs. PT 1 to 9:

(1) "Board" means the physical therapists affiliated credentialing board.

(2) "FSBPT" means the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.

(3) "License" means any license, permit, certificate or registration issued by the board.

(4) "Licensee" means any person validly possessing any license granted and issued to that person by the board.

(6) "Unlicensed personnel" means a person other than a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who performs patient related tasks consistent with the unlicensed personnel's education, training and expertise under the direct on-premises supervision of the physical therapist.

**History:** Cr. Register, September, 1995, No. 477, eff. 10-1-95; r. (5), cr. (6), Register, April, 2000, No. 532, eff. 5-1-00; CR 03-020: am. (intro.), (2) and (6) Register April 2004 No. 580, eff. 5-1-04.

**PT 1.03 Applications and credentials.** (1) Every person applying for any class of license to provide physical therapy services shall make application on forms provided by the board, and shall submit to the board all of the following:

(a) A completed and verified application form.

**Note:** Application forms are available upon request to the board office at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

(c) Verified documentary evidence of graduation from a school of physical therapy or a physical therapist assistant educational program approved by the board.

(d) In the case of a graduate of a foreign school of physical therapy or physical therapist assistant educational program, verification of educational equivalency to a board-approved school of physical therapy or physical therapist assistant educational program, the verification shall be obtained from a board-approved foreign graduate evaluation service, based upon submission to the evaluation service of the following material:

1. A verified copy of transcripts from the schools from which secondary education was obtained.

2. A verified copy of the diploma from the school or educational program at which professional physical therapy or physical therapist assistant training was completed.

3. A record of the number of class hours spent in each subject, for both preprofessional and professional courses. For subjects which include laboratory and discussion sections, the hours must be described in hours per lecture, hours per laboratory and hours per discussion per week. Information must include whether subjects have been taken at basic entry or advanced levels.

4. A syllabus which describes the material covered in each subject completed.

(2) If an applicant is a graduate of a school of physical therapy or a physical therapist assistant educational program not approved by the board, the board shall determine whether the applicant's educational training is equivalent to that specified in sub. (1) (c). In lieu of its own evaluations, the board may use evaluations prepared by a board-approved evaluation service. The cost of an evaluation shall be paid by the applicant.

**Note:** The board periodically reviews and approves foreign graduate evaluation services. A list of board-approved evaluation services is available upon request from the board at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8935.

(3) The board may waive the requirement under sub. (1) (c) for an applicant who establishes, to the satisfaction of the board, all of the following:

(a) That he or she is a graduate of a physical therapy school or a physical therapist assistant educational program.

(b) That he or she is licensed as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant by another licensing jurisdiction in the United States.

(c) That the jurisdiction in which he or she is licensed required the licensee to be a graduate of a school or educational program approved by the licensing jurisdiction or of a school or educational program that the licensing jurisdiction evaluated for educational equivalency.

(d) That he or she has actively practiced as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, under the license issued by the other licensing jurisdiction in the United States, for at least 3 years immediately preceding the date of his or her application.

**Note:** The board approves those schools of physical therapy and physical therapist assistant educational programs that are at the time of the applicant's graduation recognized and approved by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

**Note:** Under 2001 Wis. Act 70, physical therapist assistants are not required to be licensed until April 1, 2004.

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**PT 1.04 Application deadline and fees.** The completed application and all required documents must be received by the board at its office not less than 30 days prior to the date of the examination. The required fees specified in s. 440.05 (1), Stats., shall accompany the application.

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