

1399.90. Definitions.

For purposes of this article, the following terms have the following meanings:

- (a) "ABPTS" means the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists.
- (b) "Accredited institution" means an educational institution accredited by the United States Department of Education or by the regulatory authority of any state.
- (c) "Approval agency" means an entity that reviews and approves providers of continuing education courses and is recognized by the board pursuant to section 1399.95.
- (d) "Approved provider" means a person or entity that offers, sponsors or provides continuing education courses and that is either approved pursuant to section 1399.96 or is an accredited institution.
- (e) "APTA" means the American Physical Therapy Association.
- (f) "CPTA" means the California Physical Therapy Association.
- (g) "Hour" is the unit of measurement for continuing competency and, for courses, means at least 50 minutes of instruction.
- (h) "FSBPT" means the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.

NOTE: Authority: Sections 2615 and 2676, Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Section 2676 and 2684, Business and Professions Code.

1399.91. Continuing Competency Required.

(a) As required by this article, a licensee must accumulate 30 hours of continuing competency hours in each license cycle. A licensee must submit evidence of completing those hours to the board in order to renew his or her license. In order to implement this requirement:

(1) For licenses that expire between October 31, 2010 and October 31, 2011, if the renewal is submitted prior to the expiration of the original license, 15 hours of continuing competency shall be completed.

(2) For licenses that expire on and after November 1, 2011, the full 30 hours shall be completed.

(b) For first-time license renewals, if the renewal is submitted prior to the expiration of the original license, the continuing competency hour requirements shall be one-half of the normal cycle. The requirements of 1399.93 shall apply to any renewal under this subsection.

(c) For those licensees accumulating "continuing education units" or "CEUs" under the continuing education requirements of APTA and CPTA, one CEU is equal to ten hours.

NOTE: Authority: Sections 2615 and 2676, Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Section 2676 and 2684, Business and Professions Code.

1399.92. Content Standards for Continuing Competency.

Continuing competency hours must be obtained in subjects related to either the professional practice of physical therapy or patient/client management.

(a) The professional practice of physical therapy includes but is not limited to professional accountability, professional behavior and professional development.

(b) Patient/client management includes but is not limited to examination, evaluation and diagnosis and prognosis; plan of care; implementation; education; and discharge.

NOTE: Authority: Sections 2615 and 2676, Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Section 2676 and 2684, Business and Professions Code.

1399.93. Continuing Competency Subject Matter Requirements and Other Limitations.

For each renewal cycle, a licensee's continuing competency hours must include the following:

- (a) Two hours in ethics, laws and regulations, or some combination thereof, and
- (b) Four hours in life support for health care professionals. Such training should be comparable to, or more advanced than, the American Heart Association's Basic Life Support Health Care Provider course.

NOTE: Authority: Sections 2615 and 2676, Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Section 2676 and 2684, Business and Professions Code.

1399.94. Authorized Pathways for Obtaining Hours.

Continuing competency hours must be obtained through an authorized pathway, which may be either traditional or alternate.

(a) Traditional pathways are those offered by an approved provider. There is no limit to the number of hours which may be accumulated through traditional pathways. The traditional pathways are:

- 1) continuing education courses, including home and self study courses, approved through an agency recognized by the board under the provisions of regulation section 1399.95; and
- 2) college coursework from an accredited institution.

(b) Alternate pathways are those offered by an entity other than an approved provider. Only those alternate pathways described in this section may be used to accumulate continuing competency hours. The number of alternate pathway hours that may be applied for a renewal cycle may not exceed any cap noted below. Hours may be granted only in accordance with the conversion formula for each alternate pathway noted below.

	Description	CAP	Conversion
A)	Publishing a peer-reviewed journal article, case study, or book chapter.	16 hours	5 hours per article, study or chapter
B)	Developing or presenting an approved college or continuing education course for the first time.	16 hours	4 hours for each course
C)	Participating as a subject matter expert in the examination process for the Board, FSBPT, or ABPTS.	16 hours	6 hours per experience
D)	Serving on a Board appointed task force.	16 hours	6 hours per experience
E)	Performing in a role as a clinical instructor where the student's clinical experience is full time and lasts at least 4 weeks. Effective January 1, 2013, the clinical instructor must be credentialed by APTA or hold a substantially similar credential.	12 hours	1 hour per week
F)	Attending a conference relating to the practice of physical therapy where proof of attendance is provided by the conference sponsor.	8 hours	2 hours per conference

G) Attending a conference offered by FSBPT, APTA, or a component thereof.	8 hours	4 hours per conference
H) Attending a Board meeting.	8 hours	2 hours per meeting
I) Completing a FSBPT practice review tool.	6 hours	6 hours per experience
J) Successfully passing one of the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties' certified specialist examinations, including re-certification examinations.	6 hours	6 hours per examination
K) Completing training as an expert consultant for the Board.	6 hours	6 hours per training
L) Successfully passing the Board's California Law Examination.	2 hours	2 hours per examination

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