

Board of Physical Therapy

Guidance on the Use of Your Professional Degree in Conjunction with Your Licensure Designation

If initials designating an educational degree are used in connection with your name, they should be written in addition to and following your licensure designation of PT or PTA.

Professional designations are set forth in § 54.1-3481 of the Code of Virginia, as follows:

A. It shall be unlawful for any person who is not licensed under this chapter, or whose license has been suspended or revoked or who licensure has lapsed and has not been renewed, to use in conjunction with his name the letters or words "R.P.T.," "Registered Physical Therapist," "L.P.T.," "Licensed Physical Therapist," "P.T.," "Physical Therapist," "Physio-therapist," "P.T.T.," "Physical Therapy Technician," "P.T.A.," "Physical Therapist Assistant," "Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant," or to otherwise by letters, words, representations or insignias assert or imply that he is a licensed physical therapist. The title to designate a licensed physical therapist shall be "P.T." The title to designate a physical therapist assistant shall show such fact plainly on its face.