

APPROVED

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Friday, April 25, 2003
6603 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23230
Conference Room 2

Department of Health Professions

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of the Virginia Board of Physical Therapy was called to order at 9:05 a.m.
- PRESIDING:** Lisa D. Shoaf, P.T., Chair
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Helen Arnold, PT
Carol Dawson
Lorraine Quinn, PTA
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michael Styron, PT
- STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Gail Jaspen, Senior Deputy Director
Pam Horner, Administrative Assistant
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Christine Layton, FSBPT
- GUESTS:** None
- QUORUM:** With five members of the Committee present, a quorum was established.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no request to speak during the public comment period.
- REGULATORY ISSUES:** The Committee voted to recommend the following amendments to the regulations:

18 VAC 112-20-10. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Approved program” means an educational program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association.

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~~"Board" means the Virginia Board of Physical Therapy.~~

~~"CLEP" means the College Level Examination Program.~~

~~"Contact hour" means 60 minutes of time spent in continuing learning activity exclusive of breaks, meals or vendor exhibits.~~

~~"Direct supervision" means a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant is present and is fully professionally and legally responsible for the activities performed by the non-licensed physical therapy personnel.~~

~~"Evaluation" means the carrying out by a physical therapist of the sequential process of process of assessing a patient, planning the patient's physical therapy treatment program, and recording appropriate documentation.~~

~~"Face-to-face" means learning activities or courses~~

~~obtained in a group setting or through interactive, real-time technology.~~

~~"FCCPT" means the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy.~~

~~"General supervision" means a physical therapist shall be available for consultation.~~

~~"Non-licensed personnel" means any individual not licensed or certified by the Board of Physical Therapy a health regulatory board within the Department of Health Professions who is performing patient care functions at the direction of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant within the scope of this chapter.~~

~~"Physical therapist" means a person qualified by education and training to administer a physical therapy program.~~

~~"Physical therapist assistant" means a person qualified by education and training to perform physical therapy functions under the supervision of and as directed by a physical~~

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therapist:

"TOEFL" means the Test of English as a Foreign Language.

"Trainee" means a person undergoing a traineeship.

1. "Foreign educated trainee" means a physical therapist ~~educated outside of the United States and~~ ~~or physical therapist assistant~~ who graduated from a school not approved by CAPTE of APTA ~~an accrediting agency recognized by the board~~ and who is seeking licensure to practice in Virginia.
2. "Inactive practice trainee" means a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who has previously been licensed and has not practiced for at least 320 hours within the past four years and who is seeking licensure or re-licensure in Virginia.
3. ~~"Unlicensed graduate trainee" means a graduate of an approved physical therapist or physical therapist assistant program who has not taken the state licensure examination or who has taken the examination but not yet received a license from the board.~~

"Traineeship" means a period of ~~full-time activity~~ active clinical practice during which an unlicensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant works under the direct supervision of a physical therapist approved by the board.

"Type 1" means face-to-face continuing learning activities offered by an approved organization as specified in 18 VAC 112-20-131.

"Type 2" means continuing learning activities which may or may not be offered by an approved organization but shall be activities considered by the learner to be beneficial to practice or to continuing learning. In Type 2 activities, licensees document their own participation on the Continued Competency Activity and Assessment Form and are considered self-learning activities.

~~18 VAC 112-20-20. Public participation.~~

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~~Board regulations, 18 VAC 112-10-10 et seq., provide for involvement of the public in the development of all regulations of the Virginia Board of Physical Therapy.~~

18 VAC 112-20-40. Education requirements: graduates of approved programs

~~A. An applicant for licensure who is a graduate of an approved program shall submit with the required application and fee documented evidence of his graduation from such a program.~~

~~B. If an applicant is a graduate of an approved program located outside of the United States or~~

~~Canada, he shall provide proof of proficiency in the English language by passing with a grade of not less than 560 on the TOEFL and TSE, or an equivalent examination approved by the board. TOEFL or TSE may be waived upon evidence of English proficiency.~~

18 VAC 112-20-50. Education requirements: graduates of schools not approved by an accrediting agency recognized approved by the board.

~~A. An applicant for initial licensure as a physical therapist who is a graduate of a school not approved by an accrediting agency approved recognized by the board shall submit the required application and fee and provide documentation of the physical therapist's certification by the FCCPT.~~

~~B. An applicant for licensure as a physical therapist assistant who is a graduate of a school not approved by the board shall submit with the required application and fee which in addition shall include:~~

~~1. Proof of proficiency in the English language by passing with a grade for the of not less than 560 on the TOEFL and TSE or an equivalent examination approved by the board. TOEFL or TSE may be waived upon evidence of English proficiency.~~

~~2. A photostatic copy of the original certificate or diploma which has been certified as a true copy of the original by a notary public verifying his graduation from a physical therapy curriculum which has been certified as a true copy of the original by a notary public.~~

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If the certificate or diploma is not in the English language, submit either:

- a. An ~~notarized~~ English translation of such certificate or diploma by a qualified translator other than the applicant; or
- b. An official certification in English from the school attesting to the applicant's attendance and graduation date.

~~3. Verification of the equivalency of the applicant's education from a scholastic credentials service approved by the board of at least 65 semester hours to include:~~

~~a. General education requirements. A minimum of 20 semester hours is required with credits in each of the following: humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, physical sciences, and electives.~~

~~b. Professional educational requirements. A minimum of 45 semester hours is required with credits in each of the following: basic health sciences, clinical sciences, and clinical education.~~

~~c. CLEP semester hours or credits shall be accepted for general education hours only.~~

~~3. Satisfactory evidence that education is substantially equivalent as determined by the FCCPT.~~

C. An applicant for initial licensure as a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant shall also submit verification of having successfully completed a full-time 1,000-hour traineeship as a "foreign educated trainee" under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist. The traineeship shall be in a facility that serves as a education facility for students enrolled in an accredited program educating physical therapists in Virginia ~~and is approved by the board.~~

1. It shall be the responsibility of the foreign educated trainee to make the necessary arrangements for his

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training with the director of physical therapy or the director's designee at the facility selected by the trainee.

2. The physical therapist supervising the foreign educated trainee shall submit a completed physical therapy clinical performance instrument of the APTA progress report to the board at the end of the 1,000 hours. ~~This report shall be submitted on forms supplied by the board.~~
3. If the traineeship is not successfully completed at the end of 1,000 hours as determined by the supervising physical therapist, the president of the board or his designee shall determine if a new traineeship shall commence. ~~If it is determined by the president of the board determines that a new traineeship shall not commence, then the application for licensure shall be denied.~~
- ~~4. The second traineeship may be served under a different supervising physical therapist and may be served in a different organization than the initial traineeship. If the second traineeship is not successfully completed, as determined by the supervising physical therapist, then the application for licensure shall be denied.~~
- ~~5. The traineeship requirements of this part may be waived if the applicant for a license can verify, in writing, the successful completion of one year of clinical physical therapy practice as a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in the United States, its territories, the District of Columbia, or Canada, equivalent to the requirements of this chapter.~~

ADJOURNMENT

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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