

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 8 are adopted by the physical therapists affiliated credentialing board pursuant to the authority delegated by s. 15.085 (5) (b), Stats., and govern the issuance of licenses to practice physical therapy under s. 448.53, Stats., the referral for physical therapy services under s. 448.56, Stats., unprofessional conduct under s. 448.57, Stats., and biennial license renewal under s. 440.08, Stats.

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PT 1.02 Definitions. As used in chs. PT 1 to 8:

- (1) "Board" means the physical therapists affiliated credentialing board.
- (2) "FSBPT" means the federated state board physical therapy examination.
- (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.
- (5) "TOEFL" means test of English as a foreign language as administered by the educational testing service.

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PT 1.03 Applications and credentials. (1) Every person applying for any class of license to practice physical therapy 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 approved by the board.

Note: A list of approved schools is available upon request to the board office at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708.

- (d) In the case of a graduate of a foreign school of physical therapy, verification of educational equivalency to a board-approved school of physical therapy. 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 at which professional physical therapy 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.

Note: The board annually reviews and approves foreign graduate evaluation services. A list of board-approved evaluation services is available from the board upon request.

- (2) If an applicant is a graduate of a school of physical therapy 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 the university of Wisconsin-Madison. The cost of an evaluation shall be paid by the applicant.

- (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.
- (b) That he or she is licensed as a physical therapist 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 approved by the licensing jurisdiction or of a school that the licensing jurisdiction evaluated for educational equivalency.

- (d) That he or she has actively practiced physical therapy, 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 that are at the time of the applicant's graduation recognized and approved by the American physical therapy association or the council on medical education of the American medical association, or their successors.

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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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