

Communiqué



Harvey Aikman, PT Appointed to TBPTE

On April 17, 2014, Governor Rick Perry appointed Harvey Aikman of Mission to the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to fill an unexpired term to expire January 1, 2015. Aikman is owner and president of Ortho Sports Inc., and an adjunct faculty member and advisor for the Texas State University Physical Therapy Program. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists and a Mechanical Diagnosis and Therapy Diplomate of McKenzie Institute International. He is a member of the American and Texas Physical Therapy associations, and a past member of the Texas Physical Therapy Association Board of Directors. He is also president of the Seven Falls Owners Association and a Texas state representative for the Citadel Parents Association. Aikman received a bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa and a master's degree in physical therapy from the University of Iowa.

Changes to Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities

The PT Board adopted major changes to §341.3 Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities that became effective March 1, 2014. Included in the revision are several new categories, more pre-approved activities, terminology changes, new credit calculations, and caps on credit for some activities. Some of the changes are:

Engagement Activities Licensees can now claim credit for a number of membership and service activities including:

- APTA/TPTA membership;
- Service on a PT regulatory or professional board;
- Service as an Item Writer for the NPTE;
- Service as a TPTA CCAP reviewer.

More Activities Pre-approved More activities have been added to the pre-approved list so that licensees will not have to submit them to TPTA for approval. The following activities will be assigned a standard approval number by TPTA that can be used by all licensees.

- College or university courses that are part of a post-professional physical therapy degree program;
- College or university courses that are part of a CAPTE-accredited bridge program from PTA to PT;
- Service as a clinical instructor (CI) for full-time, entry-level PT or PTA students enrolled in an accredited program;
- First-time development or coordination of course(s) in a CAPTE-accredited PT or PTA program, or a post professional physical therapy degree program, or a CAPTE-accredited bridge program from PTA to PT;

- Presentation or instruction as a guest lecturer in a CAPTE-accredited PT or PTA program, or a post professional physical therapy degree program, or a CAPTE-accredited bridge program from PTA to PT;
- Supervision or mentorship of a resident or fellow in an APTA credentialed residency or fellowship program;
- APTA Certification for Advanced Proficiency for the PTA;
- Review of manuscripts for approved peer-reviewed publications pertinent to physical therapy;
- Review of grants for research pertinent to healthcare for approved grant-issuing entities.

Terminology Changes Several activity categories have been changed to reflect the inclusion of new types of activities. For example, “Self-directed Study” is now “Scholarship” and includes manuscript submissions, grant reviews, and other new scholarly activities. What was previously called “Home Study” is now “Self-Study” and is defined more clearly.

Other Changes Some pre-existing activities have new credit calculations. For example, CCUs for Teaching and Presentation, as well as related activities, are now based on student contact hours. Other changes to pre-existing activities include documentation required for submission in case of an audit. Several categories such as Teaching and Presentation Activities and Professional Membership and Service have a maximum allowable number of CCUs that may be claimed toward the renewal requirement.

The major revisions to §341.3 Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities including credit calculations, caps on categories and activities, and support documentation required in the event of audit have been incorporated into the new Rules pdf which can be accessed at www.ptot.texas.gov/page/act-and-rules.

A Goal is a Goal is a Goal

There appears to be a misinterpretation of PT Rule §322.2 (b) (3) (B) floating around. As pertains to the role of the PTA, the Rule states that the PTA may not alter a plan of care or goals. The erroneous interpretation of the Rule is that a PTA can modify short term goals (STG), but only a PT can modify a long term goal (LTG).

The Board does not make any distinction in Rule as to whether or not a goal is short term or long term. Furthermore, Rule §322.1 (c) (4) states that “The plan of care or treatment goals may only be changed or modified by a PT.” A supervising PT who allows a PTA to alter or modify the plan of care or goals is in violation of the PT Act/Rules and may be subject to disciplinary action. A PTA who alters or modifies the plan of care or goals is in violation of the PT Act/Rules and may be subject to disciplinary action.

New PT Board Coordinator on Board

Karen Gordon, PT joined the staff of the Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners in March of this year as the PT Board Coordinator. She was a member of the TX Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (TBPTE) for 12 years and served as the Chair of the Board from 2005 to 2009. Her background in a variety of different physical therapy settings over the last 30+ years coupled with her Board and professional association experience has positioned her to accept the challenges of carrying out the functions of the TBPTE. The position was previously held by Nina Hurter who retired in January after many years of service.



Disciplinary Action Taken by the Board on May 02, 2014 and July 25, 2014

Detrimental Practice – Various

May 02, 2014

Maria Christina Castillo, PT #1116929 (Corpus Christi) practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required sixty (60) hours of community service.**

Aris Vaughn Reed, PTA #2086019 (Katy) – practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended his license for fifteen (15) days.**

Sarah Lynette Mullenix, PTA #2073012 (Grand Prairie) practiced with an expired license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended her license for thirty (30) days.**

David Powell, PTA #2077830 (Fort Worth) – practiced in a detrimental manner by practicing beyond the scope of his license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended his license for fifteen (15) days.**

Michael Edward Barker, PTA #2054629 (San Antonio) practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to accurately record treatment notes. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended his license for fifteen (15) days.**

Kathryn Jean Rippley, PTA #2017430 (Houston) practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to accurately record treatment notes. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended her license for thirty (30) days.**

Yvonne Marie Segovia, PTA #2047371 (San Antonio) practiced in a detrimental manner by failing to accurately record treatment notes. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended her license for forty-five (45) days.**

July 25, 2014

Michael Vinson, PT #1224153 (San Antonio) – practiced in a detrimental manner by inaccurately documenting treatment notes. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended his license for fifteen (15) days.**

Angela Sandell, PT #1186580 (Odessa) – practiced in a detrimental manner by inaccurately documenting treatment notes. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended her license for fifteen (15) days.**

Anthony Pucci, PTA #2068277 (Kyle) – practiced in a detrimental manner by fraudulently documenting a treatment he did not make. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended his license for thirty (30) days.**



Practiced in an Unregistered Facility

May 02, 2014

Walter Copp, PT #1010213 (Lancaster) – practiced in a facility not properly registered with the board. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended his license for sixty (60) days.**

July 25, 2014

Meredith Tittle, PT #1145902 (Denton) – practiced in a facility not properly registered with the board. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required forty-five (45) hours of community service.**

Helga Perez, PT #1178708 (Plano) – practiced in a facility not properly registered with the board. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order required sixty (60) hours of**

community service.

Jille Dorler, PT #1169897 (Lakeway) – practiced in a facility not properly registered with the board. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 322 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended her license for thirty (30) days**



Failed the Continuing Competence Audit

July 25, 2014

Angela Delaney, PTA #2055290 (Houston) – failed the CE audit; insufficient number and/or type of board-approved hours taken during the renewal period. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and chapter 341 of the Board Rules. **Board Order suspended her license for sixty (60) days, and required completion of the lacking hours of CE.**



Reinstatement of License

May 02, 2014

Rene Parish Vest, PT #1056679 (Longview) – the licensee previously had her license to practice revoked due to a felony conviction, and has requested reinstatement of that license. Violation of 453.351 of the Act and 53.021(b) of the Occupations Code. **Board Order reinstated license to practice with restrictions/conditions that apply for twenty-four (24) months.**

Leigh Adrienne Friery, PTA #2007225 (Seabrook) – the licensee previously had her license to practice revoked due to a felony conviction, and has requested reinstatement of that license. Violation of Section 453.351 of the Act and 53.021(b) of the Occupations Code. **Board Order reinstated license to practice with restrictions/conditions that apply for twenty-four (24) months.**

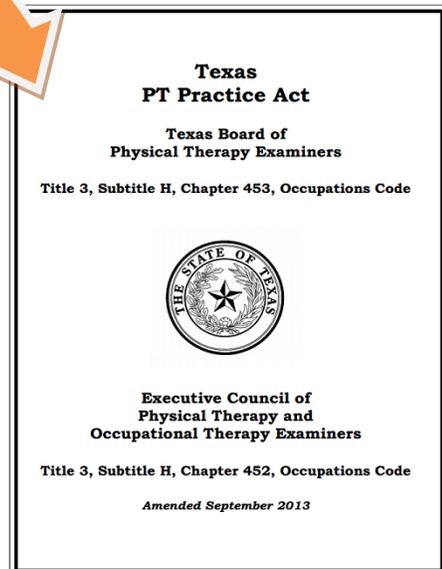


**New
Updated PT Practice Act**

with revisions made by
the 82nd Legislature,
effective September 1, 2013.

Available at:

<http://www.ptot.texas.gov/page/act-and-rules>



PT RULE UPDATE

The Board took the following rulemaking actions at the July 25, 2014 Board meeting. The full text of all proposed and adopted rules is available at: www.ptot.texas.gov/page/act-and-rules. If you would like to comment on proposed rules, please send your written comments to info@ptot.texas.gov, or 333 Guadalupe, Suite 2-510, Austin, TX 78701.

July 25, 2014

Adopted to be Effective August 17, 2014

§329.1. General Licensure Requirements and Procedures - allows a new licensee to work on the basis of website verification of licensure.

§341.3. Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities - revises the method of qualifying manuscript and grant reviews for CC credit and revises the method for obtaining CC credit for service as a Clinical Instructor.

§341.6. License Restoration - expands the options for demonstrating competency in order to restore a Texas license that has been expired for one to five years.

§343.1. Definitions - provides for a more expeditious procedure for filing a complaint against a licensee.

Proposed – No new or amended Rules were proposed at the July 25, 2014 PT Board Meeting.

New Updated PT Rules pdf

Includes Rule changes adopted between June 2013 and June 2014

§325.1. Elections
§329.1. General Licensure Requirements and Procedures
§329.3. Temporary Licensure for Examination Candidates
§329.6. Licensure by Endorsement
§337.1. Display of License
§341.1. Requirements for Renewal
§341.2. Continuing Competence Requirements
§341.3. Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities
§341.6. License Restoration
§346.1. Educational Settings
§346.3 Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) Settings
§651.2 Physical Therapy Fees

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