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The Nevada Physical Therapy Board protects and promotes the health and safety of Nevadans by pursuing the highest quality of physical therapy practice through education, communication, licensing, legislation, regulation, and enforcement.



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Season's Greetings!

Welcome to the winter 2022 Nevada Physical Therapy Board Newsletter. As this year comes to an end, I am proud to be entering my sixth year as the Executive Director. A great deal has happened over the past year, and we at the Board office are grateful to continue serving the licensees and the public! We take this opportunity to update you on some important changes, and again encourage you to participate by attending meetings or submitting suggestions and comments for the Board to address.

2023 Legislative Preview

The approaching 82nd session of the Nevada Legislature will likely include action on a variety of health care topics. The Board will be seeking the approval of legislation to join the physical therapy compact when the legislative session begins on February 6, 2023. For session information, please visit the Nevada Legislative website at https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82n d2023/SsessionInformation

Website Information

Have you visited the Board's website lately? The website contains all the forms needed by licensees and provides Board meeting agendas, meeting minutes and the approved course listing. You can also view information on meeting of the Advisory Committee on Continuing Competence. Stay informed – visit the website often!

Licensing System Upgrade

The Board will be implementing a new cloud-based software for license applications and renewals in 2023. Thentia Cloud will allow applicants to apply and update their information through a licensee portal, allow licensees to self-serve many key functions and provide public access to public information about licensees.

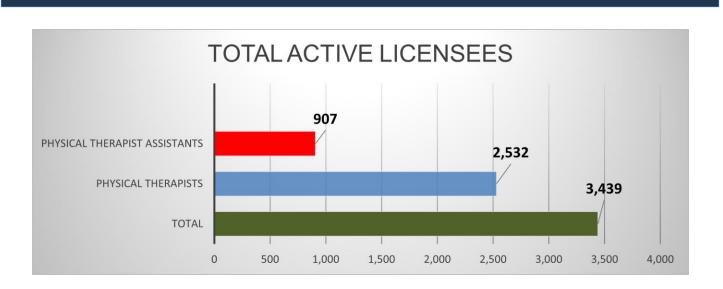
Continuing Competence

The Board is also partnering with CE Broker to provide a modern approach to continuing competence for licensees and course providers. The CE Broker app will help licensees find, complete, track and report continuing education, store records, and maintain their licensure. Stay tuned for updates.



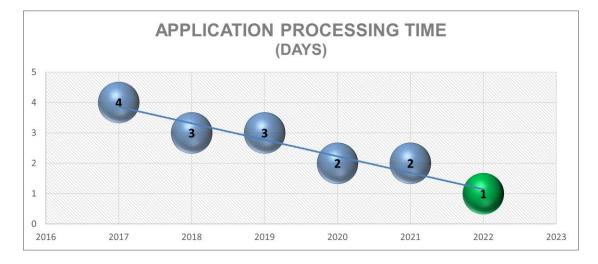
The Nevada Physical Therapy Board is committed to understanding the dynamics of diversity, equity, inclusion and justice, and embrace DEIJ efforts that support our diverse members, staff, and the consumers of physical therapy in the State of Nevada.

Charles D. Harvey, MPA Executive Director



LICENSING STATISTICS (AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2022)





STRATEGIC PLANNING & PUBLIC PROTECTION

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board recently updated its strategic plan to guide the agency's actions for the next one to three years. As the Board moves forward in pursuit of its vision to be the leader in public protection through the promotion of safety, competence, and access to care, our Strategic Plan serves as a roadmap to assist us in decision making and a metric by which we can assess our progress. The 2022 Strategic Plan includes four priorities to enhance effectiveness and efficiency and improve the overall quality of services provided.

PRIORITY:

- 1: Improve Access to Care
- 2: Update Current Regulations
- 3: Update Technology Processes, and
- 4: Increase Board Member Training

By strategizing and building a guide for the future, the Board is better prepared to address challenges and opportunities.

Charles D. Harvey, MPA Executive Director



The Board's statutory objective is to license and regulate the practice of physical therapy to protect the safety and well -being of the public. To accomplish its mission, the Nevada Physical Therapy Board:

- Promotes legal and ethical standards of professional conduct
- Ensures that applicants meet the necessary education, examination, and experience qualifications to obtain licensure
- Promotes access to care through expeditious licensing of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants
- Ensures licensee compliance with continuing competency requirements to maintain licensure
- Conduct routine inspections to determine compliance with the Practice Act
- Investigates complaints on physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and unlicensed physical therapy practices
- Proceeds with disciplinary action and issue citations when appropriate

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



Hello colleagues!

I hope you are having a good end to your year and are excited about the possibilities of 2023. We are excited to announce that on December 5th, the board voted to adopt changes to the Nevada Administrative Code (640). The next step in the process is the legislative commission for final approval. Rest assured; we will notify you immediately when the process is complete.

As the newsletter shows, we have many other new projects on the horizon. We plan to launch our new online portal for renewals this spring, provide support to increase the diversity of our licensees, support a bill to

join the PT Compact, and join CE Broker for an easier continuing competence experience. There are many things that won't change in the New Year such as the great customer service from the board office and our commitment to ensuring public protection through such initiatives such as ACCC committee, newsletters, and inspections.

With many thanks to previous board and committee members, Nevada has a holistic approach to continuing competence by offering licensees continuing education credit for working at pro bono clinics, obtaining a specialty certification, and mentoring PTA and PT students. Nationally, the FSBPT Continuing Competence Committee is also looking for other ways to engage professional growth outside continuing education courses. They have worked with researchers at the Colorado State University to develop a new Healthy Practice Self-Reflection Resource. The purpose of this resource is to guide physical therapists and physical therapist assistants through regular, proactive self-reflection that is evidence-based, supportive, modular, and appropriate for all levels of healthy practice. The resource is currently in a testing phase, and they are looking for more participants to access the resource so that they can develop the best product possible. Please consider helping develop this resource by your participation. Your input is incredibly valuable for this research. All submissions are anonymous but if you would like to be entered to win a \$100 gift card there is an opportunity to register for the drawing at the end of the survey. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Gwen Fisher at <u>gwen.fisher@colostate.edu</u>.

Here is a link:

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to begin the Healthy Practice Self-Reflection Resource.

If the link doesn't work, please copy and paste this into your browser:

https://tinyurl.com/HealthyPracticeResource

Thanks for the great care you provide Nevada! I hope you and your loved ones have a happy and healthy holiday!

Jen Nash

Happy Holidays!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Can a PT supervise a PTA across state lines?

A: No. Supervision is part of the practice of Physical Therapy in the State of Nevada and as such has to be performed in the State of Nevada.

Q: Can an out-of-state PT practice physical therapy via telehealth to a patient in the State of Nevada.

A: Nevada's licensure requirements allow outof-state providers to treat Nevadans, if they have a current license to practice in the state (NRS 629.515(1)).

Q: Is dry needling within the scope of practice of physical therapy in the State of Nevada?

A: Yes. NRS 640.014 defines dry needling as a skilled technique performed by a physical therapist using a single-use, single-insertion, sterile filiform needle, which is used to penetrate the skin or underlying tissue to effect change in body conditions, pain, movement, impairment, and disability.

Q: Is a physical therapist assistant allowed to perform dry needling in Nevada?

A: No. Dry needling may only be performed by a licensed physical therapist after they've received authorization from the Nevada Physical Therapy Board.

Q: How do I find license or discipline information about a licensed individual?

A: You can go directly to the license verification page on the Board website <u>Nevada Physical</u> <u>Therapy Board (nvptboard.com)</u>, and search by Last Name, First Name or License Number.

Q: When does my license expire?

A: Licenses issued prior to October 1, 2017, expire at midnight on July 31st of each year. Licenses issued on or after October 1, 2017, expire 1 year after their date of issuance.

Q: What happens if I let my license expire?

A: You will have up to two years to renew and will need to pay the renewal fees and late fees and satisfy continuing competence requirements for each year.

Q: How do I get a duplicate license?

A: Send a written request for another license along with a copy of your driver's license and a fee of \$25 made payable to the Nevada Physical Therapy Board.

Q: What is patient abandonment, and how do I avoid it?

A: There are three basic elements that must be present in a situation for it to constitute abandonment.

- 1. You have accepted responsibility for a patient's care. i.e., you are the PT or PTA treating the patient, or the PT supervising the PTA treating the patient.
- 2. The patient still needs care, and
- You stop treatment of the patient without sufficient notice to allow a reasonable amount of time to arrange for a new PT or PTA to take your place.

The most important consideration is to make sure you give appropriate written notice to your employer (or your patient if you are selfemployed). This allows your employer or the patient sufficient time to find a replacement for you, so that patient care is not disrupted.

NEW PHYSICAL THERAPISTS LICENSED JUNE - NOVEMBER 2022

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board is pleased to welcome the following new licensees to the physical therapy community in Nevada.

Last	First, Middle	License No.	Last	First, Middle	License No.
Brown	Cory W	4870	Burns	Kaitlyn E.	4905
Centeno	Joanna Mikhaella R	4871	Parzych	Adrian Richard	4906
Dimapilis	Maria Katrina	4872	Bush	Karlee Ann T.	4907
Umagat	Alexandria S. Caparoso	4873	Alovera	Melissa Marasigan	4908
Braswell	Daniel Israel	4874	Nathan	Kathryn	4909
Paraiso	Denice Marie	4875	Hume	David	4910
Florido	Kamille Nikole H	4876	Wallum	David	4911
Buenafe	Mitchell Neil T	4877	Midzak	Gregory	4912
Heenan	Erin	4878	Rowe	Michaela	4913
Crozier	Nikkita	4879	DiGregorio	Chadwick	4914
Gutierrez	Rosalie	4880	Alegre	Jaime Joseph III	4915
Amenta	Juliana	4881	Scuito	Carmen	4916
Connor	Erin Brianna	4882	Cazares	Felipe	4917
Santos	Arckay	4883	Sickles	Cathleen	4918
Piercy	Kathleen	4884	Pollard	Timothy J.	4919
Smartt	Chace Q	4885	McCuch	Steven Gregory	4920
Lubiarz	Roxann	4886	Ward	Jon Russell	4921
Lonzame	Liezl Grace A.	4887	Labrador	Danielle C.	4922
Lopez	Gabrielle Angela	4888	Gioannini	Chelsea Jane	4923
Lopez	Eudinel Joshua C	4889	Beheshti	Natalia	4924
Farre	Allison	4890	De Guia Lapuz	Lauren	4925
Velarde	Arvin Jay Deguzman	4891	Burris	Madison	4926
Lu	Maureen	4892	Kwiatkowski	Dennis	4927
Anderson	Cody Ryan	4893	Buan	Valerie Reodica	4928
Creech	Karen	4894	Felber	Robert L.	4929
Housman	Kelsey	4895	Сох	Jennifer	4930
Smith	Monica Nagy	4896	Haw	Emily	4931
Bentley	Jennifer Lynn	4897	Bradley	Zachery J.	4932
Allen	Matthew	4898	Ennis	Joshua	4933
Trabado	Dexter Ahumada	4899	Lee	Calvin	4934
Cobb	Georgia Lynn	4900	Gribbin	Karissa Danielle	4935
Washabaugh	James Patrick	4901	Serrano	Jordan	4936
Rodriguez Tabing	Divine	4902	Strong	Julia Brooke	4937
Batara	Jennilyn M.	4903	Rivera	Danielle	4938
Francisco	Carissa	4904	Wood	Shawn Caitlin	4939
			Wolven	Sean	4940

Last	First, Middle Lic	ense No.	Last	First, Middle	License No
Brownell	Alexandria	4941	Labanino Ramos	Jose A.	4981
Luecke	Harper Michelle	4942	Torossian	Emmanuelle P.	4982
Bean	Shaun	4943	Huang	Alan	4984
Graf	Justin M.	4944	Cortez	Alexis Castillo	4985
Kalbfleisch	Melissa A.	4945	Jolley	Kara M	4986
Sosa	Christopher	4946	Elagamy	Zeinab Ahmed	4987
Jurado	Aaron John Miguel	4947	McConnell	Brigette M.	4988
Warner	Mikale	4948	Bacani	Ryan	4989
Bock	Kirstin	4949	Escoltos	Christine	4990
Lake	Michael Boyd	4950	Holland	Jill	4991
Buening	Larissa Marie	4951	Binoya	Shawn Dayle C	4992
Apostol	Jared	4952	Hernandez	Erin	4993
Santiago	Fernando B.	4953	Julian	Crizlin	4994
Beck	Jordan Rose	4954	Stibor	Charles	4995
Baker	Laura O Monnie	4955	Lee	Nicholas	4996
Webbenhurst	Alec	4956	Hill	BreAnn	4997
Cox	Cory	4957	Head	Daniel	4998
Munguia	Jaylene	4958	Benner	Cintia	4999
Strang	Bryanna	4959	Benson	Branden	5000
Deschaine	Monica Marie	4960	Sadek	Ahmed	5001
Waugh	Dawn A	4961	Houston	Timothy J.	5002
Bodily	Devin	4962	Elliott	Lisa	5003
Duszkiewicz	Benjamin A	4963	Broberg	Wayne	5004
Mateo	Marlon Quisano	4964	Willey	Jennifer	5005
Storrs	Scott	4965	D Souza	Trevor N.	5006
Blair	Janel	4966	Davis	Megan S	5007
Buenaflor Zepeda	Alyssa Mae Julienne	4967	Ezra	Heman N.	5008
Mirzoyan	Alexander	4968	Strehler	Kevin	5009
Truong	Liane	4969	Yamada	Lauren	5010
Largent	Katelyn	4970	Wisehart	Matthew	5011
Magann	Olivia P	4971	Agnihotri	Anbreen	5012
Miller	Jenna	4972	Moffett	Dawn	5013
Alcedo	Jennifer	4973	Murphy	Claire	5014
Missel	Nicholas Joseph	4974		-	
Hammer	Jennifer A.	4975			105
Stegall	Autumn	4976			
Ingerly	William	4979			
Sienes	Ma Katrina Yuvienco	4980			
Labanino Ramos	Jose A.	4981		- 5 -	
Torossian	Emmanuelle P.	4982			
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NEW PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS LICENSED JUNE - NOVEMBER 2022

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Last	First, Middle	License No.	Last	First, Middle	License No.	
Black McCoy	Latonya Y.	A-1496	Allen	Meredith	A-1529	
Lalicon	Daphne Denise A	A-1497	Pizzo	Justin	A-1530	
Bompat	Victoria	A-1498	McClure	Clara	A-1531	
Ruanto	Anna Janina	A-1499	Hoffman	Ryann Joseph Jonathan	A-1532	
Kohl	Thomas	A-1500	Casale	Dylan	A-1533	
Somera	Christian	A-1501	Clarke	William Paul	A-1534	
Young	Adrian	A-1502	Suarez	Matthew	A-1535	
Nyazai	Andrew D	A-1503	King	Cheyenne	A-1536	
Graas	Ashlee	A-1504	Allanigue	Jenelle	A-1537	
Michalosky	Ted	A-1505	Helfrich	John	A-1538	
Kong	Kersee	A-1506	Alzona	Patrick Melgarejo	A-1539	
Kennedy	Jason	A-1507	Collier	Madeleine	A-1540	
Kline	Makayla	A-1508	Sells	Kourtney Elizabeth	A-1541	
Juan	Kaitlyn K.	A-1509	Duplanty	Joseph M.	A-1542	
DeLano	Corissa	A-1510	Walker	Kristina Marie Therese	A-1543	
Haro	Alan Bernardo	A-1511	Lava	Pierre Mikael	A-1544	
Brown	Brooke Ashley	A-1512	Rivera	Maria Jose	A-1545	
Fung	Regan Waikit	A-1513	Torchio	Patti	A-1546	
Bernal	Eric	A-1514	Vasquez	Angel	A-1547	
Wong	Anthony	A-1515	Jones	Janae Louise	A-1548	
Vidal	Ted R.	A-1516	Torossian	Kevork	A-1549	
Snowden	Isabella Ann	A-1517	Lyon	Scott	A-1550	
Montesino	Ana	A-1518		N N		
Plaza	Michael Paul	A-1519				
Solorio	Oscar	A-1520				
Olmo	Sierra K.	A-1521				
Crooks	Kody	A-1522				
Jenks	Anne R.	A-1523				
Perretta	Joseph	A-1524				
Ly	Julie	A-1525				
Corona	Daniel	A-1526				
Soria	Justin	A-1527				
Castaneda	Sonja D.	A-1528				

ETHICS ARE ESSENTIAL

The Code of Ethics of the American Physical Therapy Association describes the desired behavior of physical therapists in their multiple roles, addresses multiple aspects of ethical action, and reflects the core values of the physical therapist. Fundamental to the Code of Ethics is the special obligation of physical therapists to empower, educate, and enable those with impairments, activity limitations, participation restrictions, and disabilities to facilitate greater independence, health, wellness, and enhanced quality of life.

PRINCIPLE #1: Physical therapists shall respect the inherent dignity and rights of all individuals.

PRINCIPLE #2: Physical therapists shall be trustworthy and compassionate in addressing the rights and needs of patients and clients.

PRINCIPLE #3: Physical therapists shall be accountable for making sound professional judgments.

PRINCIPLE #4: Physical therapists shall demonstrate integrity in their relationships with patients and clients, families, colleagues, students, research participants, other health care providers, employers, payers, and the public.

PRINCIPLE #5: Physical therapists shall fulfill their legal and professional obligations.

PRINCIPLE #6: Physical therapists shall enhance their expertise through the lifelong acquisition and refinement of knowledge, skills, abilities, and professional behaviors.

PRINCIPLE #7: Physical therapists shall promote organizational behaviors and business practices that benefit patients and clients and society.

PRINCIPLE #8: Physical therapists shall participate in efforts to meet the health needs of people locally, nationally, or globally.

For more information, visit <u>https://www.apta.org/siteassets/pdfs/policies/codeofethicshods06-20-28-25.pdf</u>.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PT BOARD & THE PT ASSOCIATION

Many licensees are unaware that the Nevada Physical Therapy Board is separate and unrelated to the APTA Nevada. All licenses in the state of Nevada are regulated and subject to the jurisdiction of the Board based on state legislation and regulation. The APTA NV is the local chapter of the national professional organization, the American Physical Therapy Association. Membership in the APTA NV is voluntary. For more information on APTA NV, please visit their website at <u>APTA Nevada (aptanv.org)</u> or call (702) 492-6872.

DRY NEEDLING – Standards of practice

Dry needling is a physical therapy treatment that requires specialized physical therapy education and training for the utilization of such techniques. Prior to utilizing dry needling treatment techniques in the State of Nevada, a physical therapist shall meet certain education and training requirements and must obtain approval from the Nevada Physical Therapy Board. To obtain approval, licensees shall:

- 1. Submit an application to the Board containing proof of successful completion of at least 150 hours of didactic education and training in dry needling. The educational requirement includes at least 25 hours of didactic education and training provided through a postgraduate course of study that requires the successful completion of in-person written and practical examinations.
 - a. The Dry Needling Standards of Education and Training Verification Form shall be submitted to document the successful completion of education and training requirements (Available on the Board website https://ptboard.nv.gov/Licensure/Dry_Needling/)
 - b. Physical therapists who did not attend a master's or doctorate level physical therapy program, and have completed 150 hours of education and training in dry needling which meets the requirements of NAC 640 shall also complete and submit the Dry Needling Attestation Form (Available on the Board website https://ptboard.nv.gov/Licensure/Dry_Needling/)
- 2. Obtain a signed consent from the patient. The following information must be included on the Dry Needling Consent Form:
 - a. Dry Needling definitions (as listed in NRS 640.014)
 - b. The description of the treatment and the risks/benefits of dry needling; and
 - c. The signature of the patient.

Please note that practicing dry needling without compliance with these requirements constitutes unprofessional conduct and subjects a licensee to appropriate discipline by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board. Contact the Board office at (702) 876-5535 if you have any questions.

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS – Are you in compliance?

In accordance with NAC 640.055 and NAC 640.061, any change in name, residential address or primary professional address must be submitted to the Board Office within 30 days of the change.

To notify the Board of a legal name change, change in residential or primary professional address, download the applicable form located at <u>https://ptboard.nv.gov/Forms/Home/</u>, and return the completed form to the Board office.



SCAM ALERT

The Board continues to get reports of scam calls being placed to our licensees. Some of the callers may claim to be an investigator from the FBI or from a Board Investigator working with a federal agency on an investigation. The callers will threaten loss of license and demand personal information to confirm the investigation or will demand payment. These calls may appear to come from the Board office because the scammers can "spoof" the Board's telephone number. If you receive one of these calls, or are unsure if a call you've received from the Board is legitimate, please hang up and call the Board office at (702) 876-5535 or email <u>pted@govmail.state.nv.us</u> to report or verify the call. For more information on avoiding and reporting scams, please visit the Federal Trade Commission Consumer Advice website at <u>https://consumer.ftc.gov/scams</u>.

OUTREACH – School presentations

Licensing Coordinator

Support Specialist April Ramirez were recently given the opportunity to provide a student presentation to the Carrington College 2023 graduating PTA Students. Their presentation included discussion in the following areas:

- Application and licensing processes
- Board Fees and FSBPT Fees
- Scheduling of the National Physical Therapy Examination
- License renewal and continuing competence requirements

walk them through

asked. We just want to inform students that we are here to walk them through the licensure process."

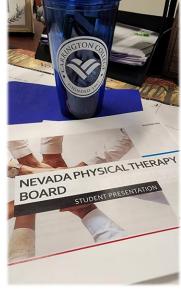
April Ramirez Board Operations Support Specialist

For more information on Board Outreach or to have the Board present at your school or next event, please contact the Board office at <u>ptapplication@govmail.state.nv.us</u> or call (702) 876-5535.



We would like to thank Tiffany Barrett for her service on the Advisory Committee on Continuing Competence (ACCC).

Tiffany served from January 2018 through November 2023. We appreciate her contributions and leadership as Chair of the ACCC and wish her the best in her future endeavors!



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11/1/2020 - 10/31/2023

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BOARD MEETINGS

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board conducts public meetings throughout the year for purposes of conducting administrative business concerning ratifying licenses, promulgating rules, disciplinary matters, etc.

The five members of the Board are appointed by the Governor and serve a three-year term. A quorum of three members is required to conduct public business. Nevada Open Meeting Law requires that board meetings be open to the public and that any such governmental body give adequate notice of such meetings.

Open meeting notices can be accessed on the Board website at https://ptboard.nv.gov/About/Meetings/.



All Board meetings are viewable via the internet. Links to view each meeting can be accessed by visiting the Board website: <u>https://ptboard.nv.gov/About/Meetings/</u>

2023 BOARD OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Board Office Closed	Day(s)	Dates(s)
New Years'	Mon	Jan 2, 2023
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	Mon	Jan 16, 2023
President's Day	Mon	Feb 20, 2023
Memorial Day	Mon	May 29, 2023
Juneteenth	Mon	Jun 19, 2023
Independence Day	Tue	Jul 4, 2023
Labor Day	Mon	Sep 4, 2023
Nevada Day	Fri	Oct 27, 2023
Veteran's Day	Fri	Nov 10, 2023
Thanksgiving / Family Day	Thu & Fri	Nov 23 -24, 2023
Christmas	Mon	Dec 25, 2022



2023 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE





PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE ACT

<u>NRS 640: Nevada Revised</u> <u>Statutes</u>

Governs the profession of physical therapy in the State of Nevada.



<u>NAC 640: Nevada</u> <u>Administrative Code</u>

The regulation or rules that further define and explain the statutes.