

CONTINUING COMPETENCE MODEL -NEVADA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

There will be some changes to what you will be able to use for continuing competence credit starting August 1, 2018. Until the regulations have been ratified and put into place, we will accept either this new model or the old model as a way to count your continuing competence units. This year (year ending July 31, 2019) will be a “hybrid” year where either the new model and the old model will be accepted.

The Continuing Competence Unit Requirement will now be 15 rather than 1.5 (this has changed to be more in line with the way other states calculate CCUs and to simplify things).

Starting August 1, 2018, with the **NEW MODEL**: out of the 15 CCUs at least 7 must be from **Certified Activities** and the remainder (8) can be from **Approved Activities**. There will no longer be a delineation between CLINICAL and NON-CLINICAL (8 CCUs maximum) courses, but instead the delineation will be between **CERTIFIED** and **APPROVED** (8 CCUs maximum) courses or activities.

DEFINITIONS

CERTIFIED ACTIVITIES: *Activities/courses that go through a ProCert or Nevada Physical Therapy Board ACCC certification process to determine if the activity meets a minimum threshold of required criteria. ProCert certified activities will have the ProCert logo on them when looking on aPTitude. Certified activities typically are higher in units than approved activities.*

Certified Activities: CCUs
▪ Conferences: As awarded
▪ Continuing Education Courses: As awarded
▪ Exams & Assessments certified by ProCert (rare, like certified hand therapist assessment or APTA geriatric assessment) - you can find these on aPTitude with the ProCert certified logo.

APPROVED ACTIVITIES: *Activities that are approved, but have not gone through a formal certification process by ProCert or the Nevada Physical Therapy Board, due to the fact that these activities would be difficult to certify. The Board has deemed these activities as appropriate to receive CCUs. Approved activities typically have a lower unit value than certified activities. You can receive a total of 8 CCUs per year in this category. See examples below.*

Approved Activities Currently in Place: CCUs
▪ aPTitude-Sign Up: 1 CCU (this is a one-time sign up)
▪ Attendance at NPTB or NPTA meetings: 1 CCU per meeting
▪ Board and Committee Work (for PT Board and NPTA): >33 hour/year: 5 CCUs; 16-32 hours: 3 CCUs
▪ Certified Specialist examination thru the ABPTS-passing score: 8 CCUs
▪ Conferences: ½ the hourly amount; ie a 16-hour conference would get 8 CCUs
▪ Continuing Education Courses: ½ the hourly amount; i.e. a 16-hour CEU course would get 8 CCUs
▪ Degree Coursework (per semester credit/hour): 8 CCUs
▪ In-service (attending an in-service): 1 CCU
▪ Jurisprudence Exam (JAM): 2 CCUs (mandatory at initial licensure and years ending in “0” & “5”)
▪ oPTion Self-Assessment Tool completion: 8 CCUs and can do it every 5 years
▪ Primary Clinical Instructor: 3 CCUs per instance (student); 1 unit= 80 hours of CI time
▪ Publication: Peer reviewed: 8 CCUs
▪ Non-peer reviewed: 4 CCUs
▪ Residencies/Fellowships: 8 CCUs
▪ Self-Study: prep for teaching: 3 CCUs maximum per year

NOTE: Per NAC 640.400(2), the Board will not approve as training for continuing education, experience acquired in fields that it determines are unrelated to the practice of physical therapy.

All CCU courses and activities documentation should be uploaded to aPTitude. Course documentation is the traditional CCU certificate that has the required information of course, date, hours, subject and instructor. *For approved activities, the licensee would upload either the course certificate or documentation that demonstrates participation in the stated activity.

Please see the back of this page for the type of documentation you need to upload to aPTitude for adequate and accepted documentation.

Documentation that needs to be uploaded to aPTitude website as proof of continuing competence activity:

ACTIVITY TYPE	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
aPTitude-Sign Up	A copy of the confirmation of sign up (one time only).
Attendance at NPTB or NPTA meetings	Copy of agenda and written documentation by an officer of the organization confirming attendance.
Board & Committee Work (for Nevada PT Board and NPTA)	Copies of meeting minutes agendas and written documentation by an officer of the organization confirming service.
Certified Specialist Examination through ABPTS-passing score	Formal score report demonstrating that the performance standard was met.
Conference	Proof of attendance (registration information, completion certificate) and schedule-of-offerings noting the sessions that were attended.
Continuing Education Course	Certificate of completion for the continuing education activity.
Degree Coursework	Copy of course syllabus and copy of score/grade report or transcript from the institution.
In-service (attending an in-service)	Copy of the in-service program, including the name and credentials of the presenter, goals, and learning objectives; copy of the attendee list.
Jurisprudence Exam (JAM)	Copy of proof of taking the exam.
oPTion Self-Assessment Completion	A copy of the proof that the oPTion self-assessment was completed.
Primary Clinical Instructor	Documentation of the dates and times spent supervising and instructing the student to demonstrate minimum requirements met.
Publication - Peer Reviewed	Documented evidence of active and significant participation in the writing and publication process of a work that relates to the field of physical therapy published by a university press or in a peer-reviewed journal as identified by a source such as Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory . Active participation may include being the primary author, co-author, investigator, editor, etc. Copy of the published product, a copyright page, abstract, or sign-off-of-rights agreement.
Publication - Non Peer Reviewed	Documented evidence of active and significant participation in the writing and publication process of a work that relates to the field of physical therapy. Active participation may include being the primary author, co-author, investigator, editor, etc. Copy of the published product, a copyright page, abstract, or sign-off-of-rights agreement.
Residencies & Fellowships	Documentation of satisfactory performance (as defined by the Program); OPTIONAL: Evidence of completing a written examination and actual patient/client practical examinations over the course of the curriculum.
Self-study - preparation for teaching	Course description/syllabus and documentation of the date, time, and location of the presentation as well as a certification of the time spent on the preparation.

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