



Nevada Physical Therapy Board

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Nevada Physical Therapy Board Newsletter

Summer 2018

From our Executive Director

During my first six months as Executive Director, we have taken the opportunity to evaluate and assess Board operations. This has resulted in significant change, progress and excitement, as we implement new policies, systems and process changes that lead to operational improvements. Board staff continue to work on an integrated database system for licensing and regulation, while engaged in the process of identifying areas that could be more efficient.

The Board continues to be active with matters relating to rules, regulations, continuing competency and public protection. In March 2018, the Board welcomed two new

members with the appointment of Rebecca Cheema as a PTA member, and Eathan O'Bryant as a public member. The Board's Advisory Committee on Continuing Competency also saw the addition of several new members. Licensee education is critical to public protection, and the seven-member Advisory Committee on Continuing Competency is responsible for the review, approval and oversight of hundreds of continuing competency courses available to physical therapist and physical therapist assistants.

Board staff is always available to answer your questions and assist with licensing and other related matters. I encourage you to utilize the "How Are



We Doing" tool on our website to provide feedback and/or comments on how we can improve our operations to better serve you. Here is the link: http://ptboard.nv.gov/Contact/How_Are_We_Doing/

Regards,

Charles Harvey

Executive Director

Welcome to our new ACCC Committee Members (Advisory Committee on Continuing Competence)

Katherine Bernado, Chairperson

Kirk Sachtler, Vice Chairperson

Beren Shah, Committee Member

Christopher Kegler, Committee Member

LuAnn Tucker, Committee Member

Tiffany Barrett, Committee Member

James McKivigan, Board Liaison

Please see page 4 of this newsletter for exciting changes in CCUs (Continuing Competence Units), formerly called CEUs (Continuing Education Units).

Letter from the Board Chairman.... Sherise Smith, PT, MSPT, CBIS

There are many new and exciting things happening with your Nevada Physical Therapy Board. We have welcomed two new Board members, as Director Harvey mentioned and have a cohesive, hard-working staff in place in the office. We are working to make things a positive experience for our licensees.

As many of you know, we have been working on our NACs (regulations) and have appreciated the input from

many of you in this process. Because our regulations had not been updated since 2010, this was quite the process. Our updated NRSs (statutes) have already been ratified and are in effect, as we discussed in our Spring newsletter. The NACs will be ratified later this summer or in early fall. It is important that you make yourself familiar with these changes once they take effect. We will send an email out to our licensees with the updated NACs once they are in effect. To review the NRS changes that



are already in effect, please click on the below link:

[https://
www.leg.state.nv.us/
Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/
SB437_EN.pdf](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB437_EN.pdf)

Thank you!

Sherise Smith

NRS 640=Nevada Revised Statutes. This is the statute or law that governs the profession of physical therapy in the state of Nevada. These have already been updated and passed by the legislature this past legislative session. They have not yet been codified (put in their final form for print).
NAC 640= Nevada Administrative Code. This is the regulation or rules that further define and explain the statutes. We are in the process of getting these approved by the Nevada LCB.

Renewal Season Is Upon Us!

The license renewal period began June 1, 2018. Per NRS 640.150, all licenses issued prior to October 1, 2017 will expire July 31, 2018. Licenses issued on or after October 1, 2017 will expire 1 year after the date of issuance. The re-

newal fee for a physical therapist is \$150.00. The renewal fee for a physical therapist assistant is \$100.00. Licenses may be renewed online at: <https://online.nvptboard.com/#/>. Check out the Continued Competency page on our

website to review the continued competency requirements. Please contact the Board Office if you have questions or experience any issues with the renewal process.

Nevada Physical Therapy Board Mission Statement

Mission

The mission of the Nevada Physical Therapy Board is to protect the safety and well-being of the public consumer of physical therapy.

Who We License

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board licenses physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. Any person wishing to work in Nevada must obtain a Nevada license.



New Licensure Requirement for Nevada PTs and PTAs

With recent rule revisions to Nevada's continuing competence requirements for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants, **effective August 1, 2018**, the Nevada Physical Therapy Board ("Board") **requires all licensees to report compliance with continuing competence requirements using the free online system aPTitude**. The [aPTitude](#) system was built by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) to help PTs and PTAs comply with licensure renewal requirements, maintain their ongoing competence, and manage their activity records. The Nevada Board has determined that [aPTitude](#) is the appropriate tool for Nevada PTs and PTAs to record their completed continuing competence activities, and report that information to the Board for the annual compliance audit.

BY AUGUST 1, 2018: Create your free account in [aPTitude](#) and begin recording your completed courses and activities and uploading your certificates or other completion documentation for any courses or activities that begin after August 1, 2018. **Registration after this date will result in a delay with proceeding with licensure renewal for next year.** All that is required to create your account is your name, license number, and email address.

Here is a list of [aPTitude](#) features:

- Maintain your licensure information and transcript of completed continuing competence courses and other activities
- Securely store completion certificates
- Be reminded of the license renewal and continuing competence completion deadline
- Track completion progress for all licenses held (in addition to Nevada)
- Find qualifying courses – all currently approved continuing competence courses for Nevada are in [aPTitude](#)

For assistance with your [aPTitude](#) account, email aPTitudeHelp@fsbpt.org. Contact the Board for answers to questions on Nevada's continuing competence requirements.

NEW 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, or when the NACs are ratified, which ever is later. So, to be clear, these changes **do not apply to your current renewal that is due July 31, 2018.**

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, 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.

Certified Activities mean activities/courses that are ProCert certified and will have the ProCert logo on them when looking on aPTitude. Certified activities are also any courses that are approved by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board ACCC Committee. Certified activities typically are higher in units than approved activities.

Conferences: as awarded

Continuing Education Courses: as awarded

Exams & Assessments that are 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 are ones that have **not** been certified by ProCert or the Nevada Board of Physical Therapy, but that the Board has deemed as appropriate to receive CCUs. They typically have a lower unit value than certified activities. **You can receive a total of 8 CCUs per year in this category.**

Approved Activities that are currently in place:

aPTitude-signup: 1 CCU

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; ie 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 in years ending in "0" and "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

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 following page of this newsletter for what type of documentation you need to upload to aPTitude for adequate and accepted documentation.

Below is the documentation you must upload to aPTitude to get credit for the Approved Activities listed on page 4.

ACTIVITY TYPE	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
aPTitude-Sign Up	A copy of the confirmation of sign up.
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.
Inservice (attending an inservice)	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 the 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	<p>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.</p> <p>Copy of the published product, a copyright page, abstract, or sign-off-of-rights agreement.</p>
Publication - Non Peer Reviewed	<p>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.</p> <p>Copy of the published product, a copyright page, abstract, or sign-off-of-rights agreement.</p>
Residencies & Fellowships	<p>Documentation of satisfactory performance (as defined by the Program);</p> <p>OPTIONAL: Evidence of completing a written examination and actual patient/client practical examinations over the course of the curriculum.</p>
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.

How to sign up for aPTitude (must do by 8/1/18) and get 1 free CCU....

aPTitude is a **free** continuing competence resource for physical therapist and physical therapist assistant licensees, students and pre-licensure candidates; vendors of continuing competence and continuing education (CC/CE) activities, and jurisdiction licensing boards. Licensees and students/pre-licensure candidates can use aPTitude to:

- Maintain licensure information and record of CC/CE
- Securely store CC/CE completion documents
- Stay current with all CC/CE requirements and license renewal dates
- Be reminded of license renewal and CE/CC deadlines
- Track CC/CE completion progress for one or many states
- Find CC/CE courses and activities

Click on the below link to sign up for free!
<https://pt.fsbpt.net/aPTitude/public/info/home>

Tracking continuing competence with aPTitude is as easy as 1, 2, 3!



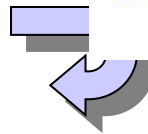
Enter your license into aPTitude



Record Continuing Competence Activities that you have completed



Track the number of CCU's that you have earned towards renewal



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 change. To notify the Board of a legal name change, change in residential or primary professional address, complete the applicable forms located at <http://ptboard.nv.gov/Forms/Home/> and mail or fax the forms to our office.

What is the Difference Between the PT Board and PT Association?

Many licensees are unaware that the Nevada Physical Therapy Board (NPTB) is separate and unrelated to the Nevada Physical Therapy Association (NPTA). All licenses in the state of Nevada are regulated and subject to the jurisdiction of the Board based on state legislation and regulation. Membership in your professional association (NPTA) is voluntary. If you would like more information regarding the NPTA, they can be reached at www.nvapta.org. The NPTA is the local chapter of the national professional organization, the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA).

Former Board Chair, Tina Baum, recognized an annual FSBPT Conference

The members of your Nevada Physical Therapy Board have been getting more involved on the national scene with increased involvement with the FSBPT (Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy). Previous chairman, Tina Baum, serves on the national Ethics and Legislative Committee and current chairman, Sherise Smith, serves on the Foreign Educated Standards Committee. These committees are involved in moving these subjects forward on the national level.

Tina Baum was recognized at the 2017 FSBPT Annual meeting with the Outstanding Service Award for her service to the FSBPT. Tina continues to be involved with the Ethics and Legislative Committee nationally although her time on the Nevada Physical Therapy Board is over. Thank you and congratulations, Tina!



Tina Baum, PT, DPT, accepting the Outstanding Service Award from FSBPT Vice President David Relling while FSBPT President Nancy Kirsch looks on.

Congratulations to the 2018 NOTA & NVPTA Partners in Practice Award Recipients!

Sherise Smith - Physical Therapist of the Year – Outstanding Chairwoman of the Nevada Physical Therapy Board

Rebecca Cheema - Physical Therapist Assistant of the Year – First PTA selected to Nevada Physical Therapy Board, PIMA PTA Program director

Trevor Mahoney – Fieldwork Educator of the Year - PT at Cleveland Clinic improving neuro care in the valley one student at a time

Nicole Lang – Leadership Award - for always being willing to raise her hand with great insight and attention to detail.

Christy Ross and Katy Conroy - PT/OT Daring Duo– for beating down the dementia stereotype at Cleveland Clinic

Lauren Andrew - Emerging Practice of Excellence - in neurologic & orthopedic outpatient physical therapy at Synergy PT

Jing Nong Liang – Research for the Future - furthering our knowledge in stroke recovery at UNLV

NRS Changes for All Licensees to Be Aware Of....

As you may know, NRS 640 was updated this past legislative session and there are some new updates to the physical therapy practice act that **took effect on October 1, 2017**. To view the changes in their entirety, please click on the link below, or see the summary of changes outlined below. Once these have been codified by the LCB and are in their final form, we will post the codified version on the website. Thank you!

https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB437_EN.pd

Summary of NRS Changes 2017

Changes the name of the Board to the Nevada Physical Therapy Board.

Requires that PTs and PTAs use a certain designation:

A person who is licensed as a physical therapist will use the words or letters "PT" or "physical therapist" immediately following his/her name when representing him/herself as a PT.

A person who is licensed as a physical therapist assistant will use the words or letters "PTA" or "physical therapist assistant" immediately following his/her name when representing him/herself as a PTA.

Supervision of PT techs: requires the Board to adopt regulations in NAC prescribing the activities that a PT tech can perform under the immediate supervision of a PT. Also clarifies that a PT supervising a PT tech must be present and on-site. (The NACs which are not yet ratified will further define this).

Adds that a business entity that holds itself out as providing services constituting the practice of physical therapy is guilty of a misdemeanor unless those services are provided by or under the supervision of a physical therapist. Authorizes the Board to impose certain penalties on a person who violates this provision, including without limitation, an administrative penalty of not more than \$5,000.

Authorizes the Board to issue citations for certain violations (display of license, address change, supervision ratios). This will allow a streamlined process and the licensee will be able to pay the citation on the spot or he/she may also contest the citation and ask for a hearing.

Revises the make up of the Board to be changed to include 3 PTs, 1 PTA and 1 public member (previously was 4 PTs and 1 public member).

Authorizes the Board to appoint nonvoting advisory members to the Board.

Changes the term "continuing education" to "continuing competence".

Authorizes the licensure by endorsement of PTAs (wasn't previously in our NRS).

Removes the provision that the Board administers an exam for licensure (new language states the exam is an exam designated by the Board).

Combines PT and PTA provisions together to be for conciseness and clarity.

What Does Citation Mean?

One of the things outlined in our updated statutes is the ability of the Board to more efficiently handle some of the infractions of the NRS and NAC that Board investigators often encounter when doing inspections out in the field.

If you are found to be in violation of one of the proposed areas, the investigator will write you a citation on the spot, which you can take care of immediately without having to go through further proceedings with the Board. This will cut

down on attorneys needing to be involved in some of the more basic violations (display of license, change of address, supervision ratios), and allow you to settle the violation in an expedited fashion.

Currently, the process of discipline is the same for a minor infraction as a major infraction and is as follows:

1. Complaint
2. Investigation
3. Hearing

This process is costly to the licensee. The licensee incurs the cost of the investigation, legal fees, and

hearing costs.

The Board's ability to utilize an Administrative Citation will reduce the cost incurred by the licensee. The Board will set a uniform Administrative Fine and Fee. The citations will not go through the hearing process and in turn, will not be reported as a discipline to the Occupational Licensing Board Report. All Administrative Fines are to be turned over to the General Fund, and all Administrative Fees by the Board to recoup expenses.

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS ON DRY NEEDLING PUBLIC WORKSHOP

July 6, 2018
9:00 AM

Two Locations:

Las Vegas Location:
Grant Sawyer Building
Room LV 4401

Reno Location:
Legislative Counsel Bureau
Room CC 3137

How Many Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants are Currently Licensed in Nevada?

1,810

PTs

649

PTAs

2,459

**TOTAL
LICENSEES**

Meet Your Board....

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board is made up of 5 members: this includes three physical therapists, one physical therapist assistant (for the first time in Board history!) and one public member.

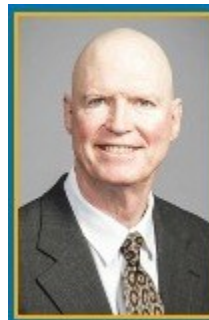
Currently, our Chairman is Sherise Smith. She practices neurologic rehabilitation in the home and community setting. She is serving in her fourth year on the Board.



Our Vice Chairman is Brian Fearnley. He practices in outpatient orthopedics. He is serving in his third year on the Board.



Our Secretary/Treasurer is Jim McKivigan. He practices both in the education realm and acute hospital setting. He is serving in his sixth year on the Board.



Rebecca Cheema is our PTA member. She Practices in the education realm, as a PTA Program Director in Las Vegas. She is serving in her first year on the Board and is the first ever PTA member on the Board.



Our public member is Eathan O'Bryant. He played basketball at the University of Nevada from 1993-1995 and was on the Harlem Globetrotters for 11 years. He is the owner and executive director of Nevada Basketball Academy.



Your Board is working hard to ensure the protection of our public in the delivery of physical therapy in the state of Nevada. We thank you for your continued involvement and support!

Posting Your License....

When you renew your license, remember that you must post it all **ALL** locations where you work. There is no longer an "original" license that must be placed at your primary location. Just post a copy of it at each location where you work to be in compliance. Remember if you change places of employment during the year to notify the Board if it is a change of your primary professional address within 30 days and make sure your license is then posted at any new place of employment. Thanks!

MAKE SURE THAT YOU GIVE US YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS WHEN YOU RENEW YOUR LICENSE SO WE ARE ABLE TO GET INFORMATION TO YOU. THANK YOU!