

NEWSLETTER



Nevada Physical Therapy Board

Vision:

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board will be the leader in public protection, promotion of wellness, and access to care.

Mission:

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



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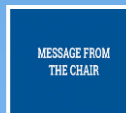
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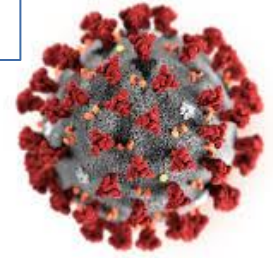
MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the June 2020 Newsletter. I hope this finds you, your family and colleagues healthy. The COVID-19 pandemic has given us a chance to reflect on all that we are grateful for. We extend gratitude and appreciation to our essential physical therapy workers - - and we encourage you to continue to follow CDC guidance to protect yourselves and each other. As we adjust to our new reality, the Board remains committed to fulfilling its mission, and we are available as a resource. Please don't hesitate to contact us for assistance.

Charles D. Harvey, Executive Director

PT BOARD COVID-19 ACTIONS

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board implemented the following actions to assure that the essential functions related to physical therapy remain operational during the COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency.



REQUEST FOR FORBEARANCE

Licenseses who are unable to renew their license due to a hardship related to Coronavirus may contact the Board office at (702) 876-5535 to request a 90-day deferral of payments and/or extension of their continuing competence deadline.

TEMPORARY LICENSURE EXEMPTIONS

A temporary licensure exemption is available to certain applicants that qualify for the exemption pursuant to NRS 640.120 and NRS 640.135. These include:

1. Temporary License for Medical Emergency (NRS 640.120(1))
2. Temporary Exemption from Licensing during Clinical Training of Student of Physical Therapy (NRS 640.120(2))
3. Temporary Exemption for Physical Therapy Graduate who has not taken the NPTE (NRS 640.120(3)).

RENEWAL PERIODS

- Licenses issued prior to October 1, 2017 - expire on July 31st each year.
- Licenses issued on or after October 1, 2017 - expire on the anniversary date of issuance each year.

RENEWAL FEES

- Physical Therapist - \$150.00
- Physical Therapist Assistant - \$100.00

RENEWAL OPTIONS

Two ways to renew your license:

1. **Online Renewal:** Licenses may be renewed online at: <https://online.nvptboard.com/#/>. Licensees must enter continuing competence information, upload copies of course certificate, and pay using a credit card.
2. **Mail-In Renewal:** The Mail-In Renewal form can be downloaded at <http://ptboard.nv.gov/>. The form can be downloaded, completed and mailed in with payment.

DRY NEEDLING REGULATION APPROVED

On June 5, 2020, the Nevada Legislative Commission approved a regulation prescribing the qualifications required for physical therapists to perform dry needling. In summary, the qualifications include the completion of at least 150 hours of certain didactic education and training in dry needling, and submission of documentation to the Nevada Physical Therapy Board. This education 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. See Board website for forms and more information.

DRY NEEDLING STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

Dry needling is a physical therapy treatment which requires specialized physical therapy education and training for the utilization of such techniques.

- A. Prior to utilizing dry needling techniques in patient treatment, a physical therapist shall submit to the Board written proof of successful completion of at least 150 hours of didactic education and training in dry needling with at least 25 hours from a postgraduate course which meets the requirements specified on the Board website <http://ptboard.nv.gov/>, and Chapter 640 of the Nevada Administrative Code <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-640.html>.
- B. Instructions for submitting proof of compliance:
 - i. Complete the Dry Needling Standards of Education and Training Verification Form, located on the Board website.
 - ii. Attach copies of applicable course certificates for postgraduate Dry Needling coursework, if available.
 - iii. Licensees who completed their dry needling coursework and/or training **prior to 06/05/2016** and do not possess documentation of the required education certificate, or are unable to obtain certificates of attendance must complete a Dry Needling Attestation Form in order to document proof of completion of postgraduate Dry Needling instruction and training.
 - iv. Licensees who completed their dry needling coursework **after 07/31/2016** and do not possess documentation of the required education certificates or are unable to obtain certificates of attendance for post graduate dry needling courses, must provide a chronological list of applicable dry needling coursework, including: Course Name, Course Completion Dates, Course Providers, and Number of Hours.
 - v. Submit completed documentation to the Board Office by mail, fax or email to ptapplication@govmail.state.nv.us.
- C. Before performing dry needling on a patient, a physical therapist must obtain a signed form which provides informed consent from the patient. The following information must be included on the consent form: 1) Dry Needling definitions (as listed in section 2 of Senate Bill 186, Chapter 277; 2) The description of the treatment and the risks/benefits of dry needling; and 3) The signature of the patient.

A sample consent form can be viewed on the Board website.



Practicing dry needling without compliance constitutes unprofessional conduct and subjects a licensee to appropriate discipline by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board. Please contact the Board office if you have any questions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (Jan – May 31, 2020)

| NAME | | LICENSE |
|-----------|------------------------|---------|
| LAST | FIRST, MI | NO. |
| Fandinola | Noemi | 4174 |
| Chio | Neilson | 4175 |
| Wharton | Cole | 4176 |
| Young | Candace | 4177 |
| Berger | Christine | 4178 |
| Smay | Collin D. | 4179 |
| Malonjao | Rachel Lyn Nieva | 4180 |
| Dennis | Jamie M | 4181 |
| Cochran | Tracy | 4182 |
| Schwab | Steven M. | 4183 |
| Henze | Joanne | 4184 |
| Powell | Eric | 4185 |
| Powell | Janette Wendy | 4186 |
| Malonzo | Ria Contredas | 4187 |
| Lang | Scott W. | 4188 |
| Williams | Gina M. | 4189 |
| Moorer | Dana Lien | 4190 |
| Roundy | Laura Nowac | 4191 |
| Cantal | Jon Alex | 4192 |
| Hernandez | Nicole J | 4193 |
| Torgersen | Austin McRaye | 4194 |
| Reda | Brianna | 4195 |
| Haught | Jacob James Tatsumi | 4196 |
| Beltran | Vittorio Romeo | 4197 |
| Moot | Jon | 4198 |
| Ginther | Cory R | 4199 |
| Francisco | John Garry B | 4200 |
| D Souza | Chetna | 4201 |
| Magsino | Melvin | 4202 |
| Durell | Deanna | 4203 |
| Caron | William | 4204 |
| O'Hara | Keelan | 4205 |
| Biundo | Salvatore Anthony | 4206 |
| Anderson | Lori | 4207 |
| Corres | Jon Carlo | 4208 |

| NAME | | LICENSE |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------|
| LAST | FIRST, MI | NO. |
| Yurko | Jesse Gerald | 4209 |
| Mocher | Eric | 4210 |
| Aiello | Christopher | 4211 |
| Cupples | Zachary Alexander | 4212 |
| Burton | Marcus | 4213 |
| Healy | Evan D. | 4214 |
| Smith | Dennis C. | 4215 |
| Armstrong | Alexandra K. | 4216 |
| Cohen | Caitlin R. | 4217 |
| Wilvers | Hudson | 4218 |
| Zaitsev | Julia D. | 4219 |
| Behre | Margaret K. | 4220 |
| Giordano | Julianne | 4221 |
| Wallace | Kalee D. | 4222 |
| Tran | Yen | 4223 |
| Larson | Virginia M. | 4224 |
| Barro | Patricia Anne Michael | 4225 |
| Rada | Stephanie K. | 4226 |
| Ely | Kelly J. | 4227 |
| Gatuz | Aaron James | 4228 |
| Leyva | Eligio | 4229 |
| Mendiola | Reggie L | 4230 |
| Hammond | Hayley Glenn | 4231 |
| Grant | Andrew | 4232 |
| Chupka | Bartholomew | 4233 |
| Gallo | Karen | 4234 |
| Cervantes | John Arnold | 4235 |
| Pacia | Dennis Del Castillo | 4236 |
| Orrell | Brian Paul | 4237 |
| Moon | Erick | 4238 |
| Brown | Kyle | 4239 |
| Evangelista | Jonald B | 4240 |
| Berger | Joyce | 4241 |
| Stanford | James P | 4242 |
| O'Brien | Randee Marie | 4243 |

| NAME | | LICENSE |
|-------------|-------------------|---------|
| LAST | FIRST, MI | NO. |
| Baclay | Olga Margarita | 4244 |
| Bowers | Jess | 4245 |
| Brown | Kaylene | 4246 |
| Pelin | Fernand Anthony | 4247 |
| Hannett | Michael James | 4248 |
| Lacsamana | Celeste | 4249 |
| Eschmeyer | Kimberly M | 4250 |
| Devine | Ellen Elizabeth | 4251 |
| Andrews | Brandon Richard | 4252 |
| Drenth | Andrew James | 4253 |
| Vong | Shyh Chang Joshua | 4254 |
| Fleischmann | Channing Michele | 4255 |
| Murdock | Chloe | 4256 |
| Enriquez | Marife | 4257 |
| Baldwin | Matthew Dallin | 4258 |
| Chambers | Dawn | 4259 |
| Townsend | Brittney Chanel | 4260 |
| Pesa | Violeta | 4261 |
| Kosco | Kara Michaela | 4262 |
| Kosco | Eric S | 4263 |
| Denney | Karen P | 4264 |
| Rivera | Walter Rodrigo | 4265 |
| Mendoza | Evangeline | 4266 |
| Mourya | Siddharth | 4267 |
| More | Sayali | 4268 |
| Totten | Connell Jacob | 4269 |
| Penner | Nichollette | 4270 |
| Mulford | Samuel T. | 4271 |
| Haake | Julie E. | 4272 |
| Barto | Eric M. | 4273 |



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS (Jan – May 31, 2020)

| NAME | | LICENSE |
|------------|--------------|---------|
| LAST | FIRST, MI | NO. |
| Smith | Amber | A-1269 |
| Valeri | Daniel | A-1270 |
| Bagtas | Jerome | A-1271 |
| Hesselbart | Justin | A-1272 |
| Lam | Brian | A-1273 |
| Infantado | Juan Miguel | A-1274 |
| Brennan | Joseph | A-1275 |
| Ricksecker | Nathan | A-1276 |
| Jackson | Zaire | A-1277 |
| Swartz | Chantelle | A-1278 |
| Trace | Kelly Nicole | A-1279 |



| NAME | | LICENSE |
|----------|------------|---------|
| LAST | FIRST, MI | NO. |
| Fox | Ann S. | A-1280 |
| Chartier | Lisa Lynne | A-1281 |
| Dokter | Kerrie L. | A-1282 |
| Swanson | Kelsey | A-1283 |
| Correll | Danielle | A-1284 |
| Albert | Jeremy | A-1285 |
| Pino | Lester | A-1287 |
| Lera | Patricia | A-1290 |
| Stott | Hyrum | A-1291 |
| Unaite | Iakopo | A-1292 |

DID YOU KNOW?

**NEVADA HAS 2,921 ACTIVE LICENSEES
(as of 5/31/2020)**

- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS: 2,149
- PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS: 772

INVESTIGATIONS, INSPECTIONS & DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board is charged with enforcing the provisions of the Practice Act. Each year, the Board investigates complaints filed against licensees in accordance with NAC 640.170, and conducts routine inspections to determine compliance, pursuant to NRS 640.050. Licensees may be disciplined for a violation of these provisions.

Discipline does not occur without a full and complete investigation, including information provided by the licensee. The Board currently employs an Investigator, and Inspectors working in northern and southern Nevada. They are all licensed and practicing physical therapists. Thank you for your courtesy to these fellow licensees when they visit your facility.



Disciplinary information can be located on the Board's website, as well as through the Reports of Occupational Licensing Boards on the Nevada Legislature website. All licensing boards are required to report quarterly to this site. The link to the Legislature site is <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/OL/A/>.

EXAM, LICENSURE & DISCIPLINARY DATABASE

The physical therapy regulatory community's primary purpose is to ensure that patients have access to physical therapy care that is safe and provided by competent practitioners.

One of the tools that the Nevada Physical Therapy Board uses to accomplish our mission of protecting the health and safety of Nevadans is the Exam, Licensure, and Disciplinary Database (ELDD). The ELDD is a comprehensive physical therapy database of disciplinary, licensure and examination score information. This reporting tool managed by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) facilitates data sharing among jurisdictions by linking exams, score transfers, and disciplinary actions with licensees. This collaborative measure supports the Board's effort to protect the public by providing a comprehensive historical profile of each individual licensed in the State of Nevada. The following five-star rating system was developed to let states know how well they're working with the ELDD.



CONTINUING COMPETENCY

Continuing competence in physical therapy is the lifelong process of maintaining and formally documenting competence through ongoing self-assessment, development, and implementation of a personal learning plan, and subsequent reassessment. Continuing competence is intended to develop and increase knowledge, skills and professional performance while trying to prevent professional obsolescence by staying current with the new developments in theory and practice and preventing skill and knowledge deterioration.

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board requires that continuing competency activities be completed for license renewal. Each licensee is responsible for successfully completing, documenting and reporting to the board at least 15 hours of board-approved continuing competency courses or activities during the annual renewal period. Continuing competency hours must be earned during the renewal period.

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board has approved a variety of online/in-person courses and activities for each licensee to demonstrate competence. Failure to comply with continuing competence requirements may result in disciplinary action against the licensee.

Detailed information can be found on the website or with this link: <http://ptboard.nv.gov/continuing-competence-model>.



STAY TUNED...

Changes to the Continuing Competence Model are underway.

The revised Continuing Competence Model will be published in August 2020.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING COMPETENCE (ACCC) MEMBERS

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Beren Shah, PT

BOARD MEETINGS

Are you interested in attending a Nevada Physical Therapy Board meeting? All board meetings are open to the public, and licensees are encouraged to participate. Upcoming dates are listed here. → Visit the Board website or call the Board office for additional meeting information.

CCUS FOR ATTENDING BOARD MEETINGS

Did you know that you can earn one hour of non-clinical CCUs for attending a PT Board Meeting? The Board welcomes your attendance and participation.

IS THERE A TOPIC YOU WANT THE BOARD TO ADDRESS?

Licensees can request the Board to hear any matter under their purview. Such requests can be made using the Request to Appear form location under the Forms tab on the Board website at <http://ptboard.nv.gov>.

BOARD OUTREACH

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board conducts outreach to provide information and answer questions for students, applicants, licensees, military members, veterans and spouses, and consumers of physical therapy.

For more information on Outreach, or to submit a request to have us present at your next event, please contact April Ramirez at ARamirez@gov.state.nv.us or (702) 876-5535.

BOARD WEBSITE

Have you visited the Nevada Physical Therapy Board's website lately? The website contains all the forms needed by licensees, including the change of primary professional address form, change of residential address form, name change, and license verification form. The website also provides Board meeting agendas, meeting minutes, and approved continuing competency courses.

Stay informed - - - visit the website often - - - and provide feedback on the content that you would like to see.

2020 Board Meeting Schedule



January 7, 2020

February 21 - 23, 2020

March 6, 2020

May 8, 2020

July 31, 2020

September 11, 2020

November 13, 2020

Physical Therapy Practice Act



NRS 640: Nevada Revised Statutes

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

NAC 640: Nevada Administrative Code

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

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



As regulators, our Board and Director Harvey have a duty during this public health crisis to do what we can to ensure continued access to care across the state to those in need. From assisting licensees with the challenges of continuing competence during these times to the appropriate use of telemedicine and telehealth technologies, this crisis and its effects are still evolving. This poses a challenge every day for each of us. The Nevada Physical Therapy Board is making every effort to assure licensees are being heard regarding these challenges.

We are working on initiatives to modernize our Board, make us more effective, and help you focus on what you were trained to do. This includes:

- Working towards a more efficient, user-friendly license renewal online experience.
- Recently adopted standards of practice regarding dry needling in physical therapy practice.
- During the next legislative session, we are hoping to have the PT Compact bill passed which will assist with more interstate portability of your license. Currently, there are 20 states within the compact and 8 states which have enacted legislation to join the PT Compact.
- As outlined earlier in the newsletter, we are updating the Continuing Competency Model to modernize professional development within our profession.

I want to welcome Laura Cerame who was appointed as the Board's new PTA Member on March 13, 2020. I also want to congratulate Eathan O'Bryant who was reappointed by the Governor to serve an additional two-year term as the Board's Public Member.

The Nevada Physical Therapy Board and staff welcome your input as well as any questions you may have regarding the practice of physical therapy within our great state.

Brian Fearnley
Board Chairman

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