



NEVADA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD NEWSLETTER

VISION

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

MISSION

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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A Message from the Chair

Dear Licensees,

I am delighted to share an update on our recent progress. This past year has seen substantial advancements in practice standards and patient care quality. A primary focus for the Board has been implementing rule changes to Chapter 640 of the Nevada Administrative Code

The modernization of the Practice Act's language has led to updated definitions that more precisely mirror current practices, enhancing clarity and safeguarding physical therapy practices.



Michael Layman
PT, DCS, OCS

Moreover, the Board is actively working to enhance the accessibility of physical therapy services for Nevada residents. Efforts include advocating for the Physical Therapy (PT) Compact which will improve service portability and extend services to underserved areas. Greater access to physical therapy can aid individuals in enhancing their quality of life, recovering from injuries, and managing chronic conditions.

Looking to the future, the NVPTB is committed to advancing the professional development of Nevada's physical therapists and physical therapist assistants and upholding practice standards that meet the highest ethical and professional benchmarks.

We are dedicated to continuous modernization of operations and Practice Act language to reflect contemporary practices. In this regard, we welcome suggestions and recommendations from stakeholders to assist us in improving and adopting to meet the changing needs of patients and practitioners.

I am optimistic that our joint efforts will positively influence Nevada residents' health and wellness.

2024 ADOPTED RULE CHANGES

THE NVPTB RECENTLY COMPLETED A LENGTHY ADMINISTRATIVE RULEMAKING PROCESS RESULTING IN MANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO CHAPTER 640 OF THE NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

Scope of Practice



All licensees should review and become familiar with the standards set out in the administrative regulation.

The complete adopted regulation can be viewed on the Board website or by visiting:
<https://ptboard.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/ptboardnvgov/content/Home/V3/NAC640-ADOPTED-REGS.pdf>

Key updates include:

- Removal of the requirement for the 2,000 hours of supervision for physical therapist assistants.
- New continuing competency requirements, effective January 1, 2025.
 - Licensed PTs & PTAs must complete an online open-book jurisprudence examination each year, as a condition of license renewal.
 - License PTs & PTAs must complete an approved course or one continuing competency activity concerning diversity, equity, inclusion, or social justice, within the year immediately preceding their license expiration.

THE FOLLOWING TWO PAGES CONTAIN SUMMARIES OF EACH SECTION OF THE ADOPTED REGULATION. PLEASE CONTACT THE BOARD OFFICE AT (702) 876-5535 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

2024 RULE CHANGE - HIGHLIGHTS

- [Sections 2-7 and 26-30] Define and revise the definition of various terms, including:
 - Competency, Continuing Competency, Continuing Competency Unit, Foreign-Educated Physical Therapist, Foreign-Educated Physical Therapist Assistant, Primary Professional Address, Approved Course or Activity, Board, and Recognized Provider of Continuing Competency.
- [Secs 8 and 31] Interpret and revise the NVPTB's interpretation of certain terms, including:
 - Immediately Available within the Treatment Area, and Supervision.
- [Sec 9] Sets forth the conditions under which the NVPTB may approve certain students to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).
- [Secs 10, 11, 39] Revises requirements for licensure for foreign-educated physical therapists or physical therapist assistants.
- [Sec 12] Establishes provisions for the issuance of a provisional license to an active member of, or the spouse of an active member of the Armed Forces of the United States, a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran, who holds a valid unrestricted license in another state.
- [Sec 13] Requires a licensee to annually pass a jurisprudence exam relating to the practice of physical therapy in the State of Nevada, as a condition of license renewal.
- [Sec 14] Revises provisions governing the supervision of a graduate of a program of professional education for PTs or PTAs who provide physical therapy services.
- [Sec 15] Establishes provisions relating to the hearing of a contested case before the Board.
- [Secs 16-19] Establishes new provisions governing practice before the Nevada Physical Therapy Board.
- [Sec 20] Imposes certain duties, obligations, and standards of conduct on a licensee, including:
 - Wearing of a name tag identifying the licensee as a PT or PTA
 - Obtaining verbal consent from a patient before administering physical therapy treatment
 - Recording accurate documentation and billing of services provided
 - Authorizing the use of telehealth under NRS 629.515.
- [Sec 21] Requires every patient of physical therapy to have a physical therapist of record and establishes certain responsibilities and duties.
- [Sec 22] Sets forth certain items that must be included in the documentation of care provided to each patient.

RULE CHANGE HIGHLIGHTS - (cont'd)

- [Sec 23] Revises the activities that a physical therapist assistant may perform.
- [Sec 24] Requires every licensee and applicant to notify the Board of certain criminal prosecutions and convictions, administrative actions, disciplinary actions, civil actions, and orders for protection against domestic violence entered against the licensee or applicant.
- [Sec 25] E establishes a schedule of administrative fines which the Board may impose under certain circumstances.
- [Sec 32] Eliminates certain provisions related to meeting notices that are redundant with existing law.
- [Sec 32] Revises provisions relating to the list of licensees provided annually to the Commission of Insurance.
- [Sec 33] Revises certain requirements for an application for a license as a PT or PTA.
- [Sec 34] Revises the schedule of fees the Board is authorized to charge and collect.
- [Sec 35] Revises provisions governing the examinations a PT or PTA must successfully pass for a license.
- [Sec 36] Revises requirements for the reinstatement of a license that has expired for less than 2 years.
- [Secs 37, 38] Revises provisions for (1) notifying the Board of a change in name or address; and (2) requesting a duplicate license.
- [Sec 40] Revises provisions governing the issuance of temporary licenses to practice in medically underserved areas of the State.
- [Secs 41 - 49] Revises provisions governing complaints and petitions to the Board.
- [Secs 50 - 54] Revises certain provisions relating to requirements for continuing competency of licensees and for providers of courses and activities for continuing competency.
- [Sec 55] Renames the Advisory Committee on Continuing Education to the Advisory Committee on Continuing Competency.
- [Sec 56] Revises the composition and duties of the Advisory Committee.
- [Secs 59 - 70] Revises provisions regarding certain duties and standards of conduct for licensees.
- [Secs 71, 72] Revises provisions setting forth certain grounds for disciplinary action against a licensee.
- [Sec 73] Repeals certain provisions relating to continuing education, licensing, and practice before the Board.



NVPTB - ONLINE SERVICES

CE Broker - License Renewal Update

In case you missed recent updates sent via email or posted on the Nevada Physical Therapy Board (NVPTB) website, CE Broker has been selected to serve as the official CE tracking and reporting system. All licensed PTs and PTAs must create a FREE BASIC Account in CE Broker and report and confirm their required continuing competency hours in CE Broker, before logging in to their licensee portal to complete their annual license renewal.

To Activate Your Free CE Broker Account...

1. Visit www.cebroker.com/plans (Works best in Chrome).
2. Create a **Free Basic Account**
3. Enter your license number.
4. Click the + Report CE button and get started reporting and tracking your continuing competence courses and activities.

CE Broker - Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Do I need to sign up for the free trial?**
 - There is no need to sign up for the free trial or professional account at any point in your renewal. All of the tools that you need are included in the free Basic Account.
2. **How do I enter my CEs into CE Broker once I have my account?**
 - At the top of CE Broker home screen, click the button that says "Report CE." From here, CE Broker will walk you through the course input process.
3. **I took online courses. What category should I choose for entering my CE?**
 - Online courses are considered "Activities Approved by the Nevada Physical Therapy board." Please select this option and input the necessary information.

4. What course information do I need to provide to submit my CEs?

- CE Broker will require basic course information such as provider and date taken. Additionally, we require a certificate of completion, usually given to you at the completion of your course by the course provider.

6. Once I finish uploading my courses in CE Broker, how do I finish my renewal and pay the fee?

- Log on to your Thentia Licensee Portal through the Board website, confirm your license information is current, and pay your renewal fee.
- All license renewals are completed online through the NVPTB Licensee Portal, located at:
<https://nptb.portalus.thentiacloud.net/webs/portal/service/#/login>. Please note that a license may not be renewed until the 15 hours of continuing competency have been reported in CE Broker.

If you encounter any difficulties or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Board office (702) 876-5535.

Other Services Available through the Licensee Portal

- Update Email and telephone contact information.
- Update residential & employer address information.
- Apply for Dry Needling authorization.
- Request license verifications & submit name change requests.
- View, download and print copies of your license, and payment receipts.



For more news and updates, visit our website at <https://ptboard.nv.gov>. To ensure that emails from the Board don't end up in your spam folder, add us to your contact list or safe sender's list. Thank you for reading!

DRY NEEDLING STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

Do you provide Dry Needling services?

PRIOR TO UTILIZING DRY NEEDLING TREATMENT 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.

Practicing dry needling without compliance with these requirements constitutes unprofessional conduct and subjects a licensee to appropriate discipline by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board.

Please contact the Board office at (702) 876-5535 if you have any questions.

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

To obtain Board 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/)
 - a. 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.

NEWLY LICENSED

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (MARCH - JUNE 2024)

The NVPTB is pleased to welcome the following new licensees to the Nevada physical therapy community. This list consists of new graduates who recently passed the NPTE and received their permanent license, and practitioners from other states who have been granted licensure in the State of Nevada.

Last	First	License No.
Nieman	Kathryn S.	6372
Pitts	Quentin F.	6373
Bradley	Lauren P.	6374
Agustin	Charleson	6375
Concha-Foley	Roberto	6376
Shrives	Kari L.	6377
Fabbri	Jocelyn	6378
Jalandoni	Nicole G.	6379
Tayag	Eleazar S.	6380
Stewart	Michael	6381
Rama	Christopher	6382
kreil	Erik	6383
Kalafarski	Heather	6384
Li	Enoch Yan-Leung	6386
Golden	Blake	6387
Youngs Grand	Kimberly A.	6388
Morey	Byron	6389
De Dmon	Michelle Julia	6390
Ebeler	Lisa N.	6391
Gill	Hardeep K.	6392
Hartman	Alison P.	6393
Zhao	Roger	6394
Alzona	Patrick M.	6395
Freeman	Jana M.	6396
Teng	Eric	6397
Wallace	Sam	6398
Roach	Kimberly K.	6399
Thakore	Michael C.	6400
Naval	John	6401
Dickie	Mandi	6402
Modenbach	Thomas A.	6403
Burgi	Ciara R.	6404
Lokhande	Dhanashree A.	6405
Suratos	Adrian	6406
Dykheng	Grace Michelle	6407

Last	First	License No.
Romero	Rachel Mae S.	6408
Harp	Travis	6409
Amora	Dominic V.	6410
Williams	Maritza G.	6411
Ellis	Nathan	6412
Vollmer	Sarah D.	6413
Terrana	Gianni	6414
Armengual	Edgar	6415
Horn	Nicole C.	6416
Pulley	Hunter	6417
Brunty	Hanna M.	6418
Christiansen	Jordan E.	6419
DeRose	Taylor M.	6420
Dobbs	Madison	6421
Dietrich	Justin L.	6422
Holland	Michael D.	6423
Blazek	Alexa	6424
Osika	Raven	6425
Zelensky	Zoe	6426
Mack	Payton L.	6427
Boyd	Morgan A.	6428
Desai	Vrushali M.	6429
Grewal	Tripat Simran	6430
Jones	Brandon S.	6431
Goff	John	6432
Gregorio	Gary G.	6433
Bertram	Marielle	6434
Villanueva	Vernon Dela Cueta	6435
Thomas	Jerrica	6436
Mueller	Tanner	6437
Dorius	Gregory W.	6438
Angeles	Jean Roxanne	6439
Aquino	Jeno D.	6440
Aurelio	Roxanne	6441
Mendoza	Jonathan Ray	6442

Last	First	License No.
Fellows	Nicole	6443
Kaderka	Sarah	6444
Gosse	Bailey	6445
Margolin	Kerry E.	6446
Boualam	Farid	6447
Schroder	Simone A.	6448
Villarias	Christoffer-Judd	6449
Miller	Gladys	6450
Lagasca	Nanea	6451
Lim	Sharlene	6452
Puspos	Jasmine	6453
Sagaya	Jolena A.	6454
Mendez	Johanna B.	6455
Metzger	Katherine D.	6456
French	Dominique A.	6457
Straus	Samuel B.	6458
Berumen Baker	Amber	6459
Valera	Quozette	6460
Flores	Jairus Gaberiel	6461
Villanassery	Priyanka	6462
Rampersaud	Nandini	6463
David	Kristine	6465



NEWLY LICENSED

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS (MARCH - JUNE 2024)

Last	First	License No.
Burton	Megan R.	A-1671
Salone	Alison M.	A-1673
Simpson	Heather A.	A-1674
VonBreitenbauch	Jan	A-1675
Amezcu-Huerta	Jazmin E.	A-1676
Hall	Erin K.	A-1677
Palmario	Jacob R.	A-1678
Pla	Anthony	A-1679
Shimana	Brittany R.	A-1680
Vazic	Maja	A-1681
Tandugon	Emmanuel	A-1682
Rios-Lazo	Benjamin	A-1683
Delabat-Valera	Emily	A-1684
Chavez	Elizabeth	A-1685

Last	First	License No.
Chavez	Elizabeth	A-1685
Aguila	Gene A.	A-1686
Randolph	William R.	A-1687
Halbert	Nathan	A-1688
DelaVega	Tristan A.	A-1689
Sem	Isaiah E.	A-1690
Wise	Brittany Paige	A-1691
Blalock	Andrea C.	A-1692
Unger	Courtney C.	A-1693
Disbro	Heidi A.	A-1694
Empaces	Julia Christena	A-1695
Manuel	Mark Dexter	A-1696



NVPTB BOARD MEMBERS



Michael Laymon, PT, DCS, NCS
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Jennifer Nash, PT, DPT, NCS
Board Member



Aaron Stevens
Public Member

MY PERSPECTIVE

Gina McDade, PTA, Vice-Chair, NVPTB

Greetings!

Gina here, with a thought for this month! As a new member of the Nevada Physical Therapy Board, I am learning a lot about the policy-making and amendment process concerning physical therapy practice. During this learning journey, I've been curious if any of you have questions about the process or perhaps are seeking clarity on how this system operates and would appreciate some information. I hope to shed some light on the process for you.

As a member of our therapeutic community, I admit that I've occasionally found myself confused or frustrated by the slow pace of policy or rule changes, or their stagnation. Never having served on a business board, I was unaware of the intricate process of policy-making and the numerous stages our ideas must undergo to evolve into new or revised policies or a part of our practice act. What appeared to be a straightforward process is, in reality, quite complex.

When a proposal is presented to the Board, it initiates a discussion about advancing it, allowing members time for research and contemplation. Subsequently, it typically requires several Board meetings for discussion, language approval, voting on proposals, legal scrutiny, and occasionally, state legislature involvement. Even minor amendments can be time-consuming endeavors, necessitating crystal-clear ideas and precise language. Additionally, our Board convenes six times annually, providing members sufficient time between meetings to review proposals and prepare for subsequent discussions and votes. I was unaware of the numerous steps required for change. Perhaps you, like me, have questions or are unsure what question to even ask! The Board is here to help you obtain answers before any confusion or frustration sets in. It is my goal for this Board to be a transparent and welcoming body to the members it serves, and I trust this will help alleviate any such feelings.

Physical therapy is a complex and dynamic field; it's an evolving practice that must adapt as we deepen our understanding of the human body and our role in its care. As the needs of our patients shift, so must we. Facilitating these changes demands open communication for idea exchange and ongoing dialogue to develop a successful path. Above all, I want this Board to engage in open discussions about the issues that come before us. I encourage you to join in this conversation, to feel welcomed and listened to when you do. These are the things that are important to me, and I want you all to know what I hope to achieve during my tenure.

I trust this information has clarified some of your questions regarding policy-making, or perhaps it has sparked some reflection. I hope you will connect with us and participate in our meetings to gain insight into our operations and the decision-making processes that safeguard public health and safety while we strive for excellence in practice and support our community and its therapists. Let's change the way we approach getting our goals achieved, and let's have some fun along the way!

That being said, here is a joke for you...

- *Question: What is a physical therapist's favorite drink?*
- *Answer: A tensor fascia latte!! (hahaha!!!) Hope that got a smile!*

Thank you all so much for all you do for PT practice. And in case no one has told you lately... you are appreciated!

Hope to see you soon...

NEW BOARD OPINION ON IMAGING

BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

In the Matter of

Dr. Susan W. Priestman, DPT

Petitioner

ADVISORY OPINION 24-01

This matter was heard at the State of Nevada Board of Physical Therapy ("Board") regular public meeting via Zoom videoconference on March 15, 2024, and July 25, 2024. Pursuant to the Board's authority under NAC 640.310, the Board considered a petition from Dr. Susan Priestman, DPT, on the issue of whether or not it is within the scope of practice for physical therapists to directly refer patients for diagnostic imaging studies in the State of Nevada. Dr. Priestman availed herself for the hearing and provided background for discussion.

DECISION

Based upon the information provided by Dr. Priestman, DPT, and the ensuing discussion among the Board members reviewing the practice act, they agreed that the practice act is silent on this specific issue. If a physical therapist does a direct referral for diagnostic imaging studies (i.e., x-ray, MRI, CT, Imaging Ultrasound), no NRS or NAC statute has been violated or actionable. Of note is NRS 640.024 "Practice of physical therapy" defined. "Practice of physical therapy":

1. *Does include:*

- (a) The performing and interpreting of tests and measurements as an aid to evaluation or treatment;
- (b) The planning of initial and subsequent programs of treatment on the basis of the results of tests;
- (c) The administering of treatment through the use of therapeutic exercise and massage, the mobilization of joints by the use of therapeutic exercise without chiropractic adjustment, mechanical devices, and therapeutic agents which employ the properties of air, water, electricity, sound, and radiant

BOARD OPINION ON IMAGING (Cont'd)

energy; and

(d) The performance of dry needling, if a physical therapist is qualified to do so pursuant to the regulations adopted in accordance with subsection 3 of NRS 640.050.

2. Does not include:

- (a) The diagnosis of physical disabilities;
- (b) The use of roentgenic rays or radium;
- (c) The use of electricity for cauterization or surgery; or
- (d) The occupation of a masseur who massages only the superficial soft tissues of the body.

(Added to NRS by 1981, 931; A1985, 1411; 1993, 2543; 2019, 1586)

It is clear that a physical therapist has the duty to interpret tests and measurements to evaluate and formulate a treatment plan that is safe and effective for the patient. Furthermore, physical therapists may not diagnose physical disabilities or use (administer) roentgenic rays or radium. However, the use of these modalities may be necessary to substantiate and confirm the physical therapy diagnosis and findings. Finally, salient points contained within the supplied supporting documents for review included numerous peer-reviewed publications which demonstrate that entry-level education for physical therapists supports the educational level and ability to appropriately order diagnostic imaging, that referral frequency/utilization is less than that of other healthcare providers, and direct referral by physical therapists decreases healthcare costs and improves access to healthcare.

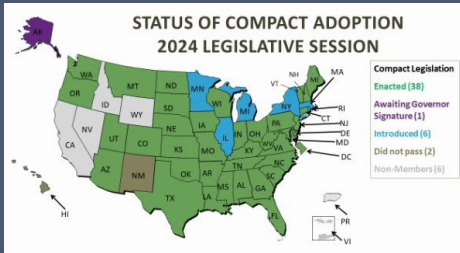
The Board members agreed that the Practice Act does not exclude physical therapists from ordering diagnostic imaging or performing point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS), and the following motion was made and passed unanimously:

1. Physical Therapists who have training and competencies to order diagnostic imaging including plane x-rays, MRI, CT scans, and diagnostic ultrasound, are not in violation of the Physical Therapy Practice Act.
2. Referrals for diagnostic imaging are performed and interpreted by other health professionals licensed to provide and diagnose imaging.



Michael S. Laymon, PT, DPT, DSC, OCS, CCS
Chair, Nevada Physical Therapy Board

RENEWAL REMINDERS



- Renewal reminders are sent to each licensee via email sixty (60) days, thirty (30) days, & five (5) days prior to expiration.
- License Expiration Notices are sent to licensees if they do not renew by their expiration dates
- Licenses that are expired less than 2 years may renew online and will incur a late fee.

TO RENEW A LICENSE, YOU NEED TO:

1. Renew Your License Every Year .
 - a. Licenses issued prior to October 1, 2017, **expire at midnight on July 31st each year.**
 - b. Licenses issued on or after October 1, 2017, **expire 1 year after the date of issuance.**
2. Renew Before the Expiration Date.
 - a. Licenses can be renewed online up to sixty (60) days before the expiration date.
 - b. Renewals completed after the expiration date are subject to a late fee.
3. Complete Continuing Competency Requirements.
4. Report Continuing Competence Activities in CE Broker
 - a. Effective June 1, 2024, licensees are required to create a FREE BASIC ACCOUNT in CE Broker at <https://cebroker.com/nv/account/basic>, and report their continuing competence hours in CE Broker..
5. Complete Your Online Renewal Application.
 - a. Log in to your licensee portal, update any employment or residential name changes, and pay the renewal fee.
 - b. CCUs are no longer reported in the licensee port
6. Beginning January 1, 2025, licensees will be required to pass an annual jurisprudence exam as a part of the renewal process.



PLEASE ENSURE YOUR EMAIL CONTACT INFORMATION IS CURRENT!

NV JAM

NEW LICENSE RENEWAL REQUIREMENT

Jurisprudence

Philosophy and theory of law



FREQUENTLY MISSED QUESTIONS ON THE NV JAM

QUESTION: In a physical therapy clinic, who is considered licensed?

- Per NAC 640.0046, a licensee is a person licensed as a PT or PTA. Anyone other than this, including a technician or aide, is considered a PT tech and must be supervised by a physical therapist.

QUESTION: How many people can a physical therapist supervise at the same time?

Per NAC 640.594, a physical therapist may supervise:

- Two physical therapist assistants at the same time.
- Two physical therapy technicians at the same time.
- Two students of physical therapy at the same time.
- Two graduates of physical therapy OR
- a combined total of three such persons at the same time.

QUESTION: What are the requirements before performing dry needling on a patient?

- Per the Dry Needling Standards of Practice, a PT must obtain Board authorization prior to performing DN. PT's must also 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.

Brought to you by the Board Ops Team, -
ptapplication@govmail.state.nv.us

Effective January 1, 2025, all licensees will be required to complete a NV Jurisprudence Examination (NV JAM) and receive a passing score of 80% to complete their annual license renewal.

The purpose of this new requirement is to continually familiarize PTs and PTAs with current and new laws and rules in Nevada. The exam content is drawn from Chapter 640 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code.

The NV JAM may be retaken as many times as is necessary to pass. The Nevada PT Practice Act and adopted changes to NAC 640 can be found online at:
<https://ptboard.nv.gov/>.

The Board is considering awarding one hour of continuing competency for completing the NV JAM. This matter will be discussed at the September 27th board meeting.

We are here for you.

A Note From Our Executive Director

Regulatory bodies such as the NVPTB play a crucial role in setting standards for PT practice and education to ensure that practitioners are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to provide safe and effective care.

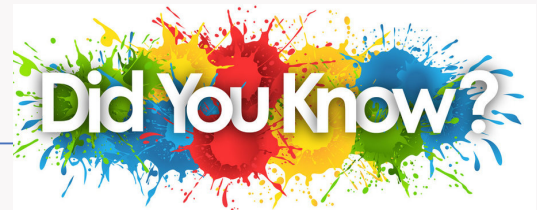
As with most professions, the field of physical therapy is constantly evolving and adapting to new regulations, practices, and educational standards. As discussed on page 2 of this newsletter, the NVPTB has diligently participated in a multi-year process to implement essential changes within the Practice Act.

Through thorough research, collaboration, and solicitation of feedback from stakeholders, the board identified key areas for improvement to reflect developments and modernize the language of the Practice Act to more accurately reflect the current state of practice, while adding clarity and protections to the practice of physical therapy.

We are acutely aware of the difficulties faced by licensees when it comes to adapting new processes, regulations, and technological advancements. Recognizing that these changes can often be overwhelming and intimidating, we strive to provide ample support and resources to assist licensees in navigating these transitions.

We are here to help you! Please call the Board office at (702) 876-5535 if you need our assistance. Board staff remains attentive to inquiries as well as feedback from applicants and licensees, continuously seeking ways to improve the user experience and enhance overall satisfaction.

Checking in on the NVPTB website regularly for updates is also highly recommended!



- IN THE STATE OF NEVADA, THERE ARE 3,465 ACTIVE LICENSEES, COMPRISING 2,560 PTS AND 896 PTAS.
- 137 LICENSEES ARE EITHER MILITARY/VETERANS OR THE SPOUSES OF ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBERS OR VETERANS.
- 66% OF LICENSE RENEWALS TAKE PLACE BETWEEN JUNE 1ST AND JULY 31ST EACH YEAR.



Charles D. Harvey

Executive Director

Board Ops Team

Muriel M. Mendes, Licensing Coordinator
Gabriella Fuentes, Board Ops Specialist
Deborah Dieter, Board Investigator
Sydney Apperson, Intern, Admin Assistant

Board Counsel

Joseph Ostunio, Deputy Attorney General

BOARD MEETINGS



The NVPTB conducts public meetings throughout the year for purposes of conducting administrative business concerning ratifying licenses, promulgating rules, and disciplinary matters.

Board meetings and open meeting notices can be accessed on the Board website. Links to each meeting can be accessed by visiting <https://ptboard.nv.gov/About/Meetings/>.

Earn Continuing Competence Credit for Attending Board Meetings!

Licensees may earn up to four hours of CCUs per renewal period for attending a full Board meeting (1 CCU/Meeting - Max 4 CCUs/Year)

The attendance of a licensee at a Board meeting for credit shall be monitored and confirmed by Board staff designated by the Executive Director.

Remaining 2024 Board Meetings



2024 Office Closures

- Monday, Sep 2, 2024 - Labor Day
- Friday, Oct 25, 2024, Nevada Day
- Thursday, Nov 28, 2024, Thanksgiving
- Friday, Nov 29, 2024, Family Day
- Wednesday, Dec 25, 2024, Christmas



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