

NEVADA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD CONTINUING COMPETENCE MODEL

NEVADA MINIMUM ANNUAL REQUIREMENT 15 Continuing Competence Units (CCUs)

Documentation of ALL CCU activities must be uploaded by licensees during license renewal.

There are several options for licensees to meet the minimum requirement. Please see the chart below, and the descriptions that follow, for details on how to successfully meet the minimum requirements in each category. Each description also includes a reference to the application/steps required to demonstrate successful completion of each activity.

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

****NOTE: licensees can complete as many CCUs ABOVE the minimum requirement, but at this time no additional credit will be given and CCUs cannot be carried over to any additional licensing period****

	Option A	Option B	Option C
1. Certified Activities	15 CCUs		≥7 CCUs
2. Advanced Competency Activities		15 CCUs	
3. Professional Activities			≤8 CCUs

Definition of Continuing Competence

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. The continuing competence is intended to develop and increase the 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.

Definition of Evidence Based Practice:

Evidence based practice is the integration of best research evidence with clinical expertise and patient values. This definition states that clinical decision-making should be based on three components:

1. Best Research Evidence
2. Clinical Expertise
3. Patient Values and Preferences

(as defined by Sakett DL, Straus SE, Richardson WS, et al. Evidence- based medicine: how to practice and teach EBM. 2nd ed. Edinburgh: Churchill Livingstone, 2000 as found in the Internet Journal of Allied Health Sciences and Practice, Vol. 3, No. 4)

NEVADA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD CCU DEFINITIONS

1. CERTIFIED ACTIVITIES:

These activities are ***submitted with payment*** for review by Nevada Physical Therapy Board (NPTB) Advisory Committee on Continuing Competency (ACCC). The ACCC certification process will determine if the activity is approved, and if so, the number of CCUs awarded. Licensees can accumulate a total of 15 CCUs from this category to complete the minimum requirement, unless otherwise specified.

Certified Activities:
▪ Conferences: As awarded by the ACCC
▪ Individual Continuing Education Courses: As awarded by the ACCC
▪ Non-Clinical Continuing Education Courses: As awarded by the ACCC*

**Licensees are able to accumulate a MAXIMUM of 8 CCUs from the non-clinical category.*

2. ADVANCED COMPETENCY ACTIVITIES:

These activities are advanced coursework or specialization in a sub-specialty that demonstrates ongoing, contemporary learning ***in the field of Physical Therapy***. Licensees can accumulate a total of 15 CCUs from this category to complete the minimum requirement.

Advanced Competency Activities:
▪ Passing score on the Certified Specialist Examination through ABPTS: 15 CCUs**
▪ Participation in an Accredited Residency: 15 CCUs
▪ Participation in an Accredited Fellowship: 15 CCUs

***Credit given for the licensing year during which participation in the activity is > 6 months*

3. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

These are activities that the NPTB has deemed appropriate to receive CCUs without the need for ACCC review. Licensees can accumulate a ***MAXIMUM of 8 CCUs from this category*** towards completion of the minimum requirement. *(You must complete an additional 7 CCUs from either of the other two categories to meet the minimum yearly requirement)*

Professional Activities:		
▪ In-Person Attendance at NPTB/APTA NV meetings	1 CCU per meeting	(max 4 CCUs/year)
▪ NPTB/APTA NV Board/Committee work	5 hours for 1 CCU	(max 4 CCUs/year)
▪ College Coursework	1 credit for 1 CCU	(max 8 CCUs/year)
▪ In-service (attending an in-service)	1 hour for 1 CCU	(max 4 CCUs/year)
▪ Pro-Bono PT service	2+ hrs/day of service for 1 CCU	(max 4 CCUs/year)
▪ Primary Clinical Instructor	40 hrs of CI time for 1 CCU	(max 4 CCUs/student)
▪ Peer Reviewed Publication	1 article for 8 CCUs	(max 8 CCUs/year)

NEVADA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD CCU DOCUMENTATION TABLE

CCU Documentation must be submitted with license renewal verifying 15 CCU/yr.

NPTB CCU Verification Form* is also required for Advanced Competency and Professional Activities.

NOTE: When signature is required, the signature must be from the officer of the organization. For example, NPTB hours must be verified by Executive Director or Residency Program verified by program director.

CCU Documentation Table:

CCU CATEGORY	Description of Documentation required for renewal
1. Certified Activities	
Conferences	Certificate of completion for the activity that is a NPTB approved continuing education course or conference.
Individual Continuing Education Courses	
Non-Clinical Continuing Education Courses	
2. Advanced Competency Activities	
Certified Specialist Examination through ABPTS	Passing Score demonstrated by the formal ABPTS letter and NPTB CCU verification form
Accredited Residency	Signed proof of participation on NPTB CCU Verification Form*
Accredited Fellowship	
3. Professional Activities	
In-person attendance at NPTB/APTA NV meetings	Certificate or Signed proof of attendance on NPTB CCU Verification Form*
NPTB/APTA NV Board/Committee work:	Signed proof of service on NPTB CCU Verification Form*
College Coursework	Copy of course syllabus & transcript submitted with NPTB CCU verification form* Contemporary learning in the field of Physical Therapy
In-service (attending an in- service)	Certificate or Signed proof of attendance on NPTB CCU Verification Form*
Pro-Bono PT Service	Certificate or Signed proof of service on NPTB CCU Verification Form*
Primary Clinical Instructor	Certificate or Signed proof of service on NPTB CCU Verification Form*
Peer Reviewed Publication	Active participation may include being the primary author, co-author, investigator, editor, etc. Copy of the published product submitted with NPTB CCU verification form*

*Nevada Physical Therapy Board (NPTB) Continuing Competence Verification Form found on website