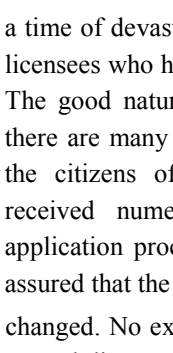




MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



PT Community, For all of our licensees who were impacted by the historic flood that recently hit Louisiana, our hearts go out to you. Once again, the communities of Louisiana have come together to help one another in a time of devastation and trauma. Thank you to all of our licensees who have assisted those in need during this time. The good nature of people in our state reminds us that there are many who are concerned with the protection of the citizens of the Louisiana. The Board office has received numerous inquiries regarding the licensure application process in the wake of the flood. Please rest assured that the application process has not changed. No exceptions or exemptions to the licensing process are being made due to the recent natural disaster. The Board office is making every effort to reduce delays in the process of issuing licenses, and the process continues to be expeditious.

Charlotte F. Martin, M.P.A. Executive Director

CURRENT BOARD

Table with 2 columns: Board Member, Term Expires. Lists Al Moreau, Dan Casano, Beth Austin, Kristina Lounsberry, Patrick Cook, and Nancy Churchill.

RECENT CHANGES PRACTICE ACT AND RULES

An updated version of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board Practice Act and Rules can be downloaded from the Board website.

Latest Practice Act Changes

Effective June 6, 2016

Governor John Bel Edwards signed legislation that amended the Louisiana Physical Therapy Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:2418). In summary, the following changes were made:

OFFICIAL BOARD STATEMENTS

Official Board Statements regarding Direct Access

Notification to licensees of the change to the Practice Act. June 7, 2016

Clarification to licensees regarding physical therapy diagnosis. July 7, 2016

- 1. PTs possessing a doctorate degree or 5 years of licensed clinical practice experience may implement physical therapy treatment without a prescription or referral;
2. A PT treating a patient without a prescription or referral must refer the patient to an appropriate healthcare provider if, after 30 days of treatment, the patient has not made measureable or functional improvement;
3. The new direct access provisions do not change the law as it related to Workers' Compensation; and
4. No physical therapist shall render a medical diagnosis of disease.

Latest Rules and Regulations Changes

Effective August 20, 2016

Continuing Education Course Review Requirements (§193)

- Course sponsors no longer need "prior approval" when applying for courses.
APTA, LPTA and CAPTE sponsored courses are automatically approved.
Application for individual course approval may be reviewed at any time, up until 60 days prior to expiration of the license (February 28 or 29). The prior language limited the review period to within 90 days of taking the course.

CEU Content Criteria Requirements (§195)

- Easily recognizable as pertinent to the profession and in the areas of ethics, professional responsibility, clinical application, clinical management, behavioral science, science or risk management.
Must contain evidence-based information related to the practice.

Fee Schedule (\$501)

- Initial license application fee \$250 (\$50 increase)
Renewal of License, per year \$140 (\$25 increase)
CE Sponsor Review Fee (Course <8hrs) \$100 (\$50 increase)
CE Sponsor Review Fee (Course 8+hrs) \$150 (\$75 increase)

PREPARE NOW FOR RENEWALS

Renewal Period begins February 1 and ends March 31.

Don't wait until the deadline to get ready for renewals! Our new, interactive website makes it easy for you to prepare early.

Haven't set up your account yet?

Visit www.lapboard.org to set up an account. Click "Login" on the upper right-hand corner of the homepage and then follow the prompts to sign up. Louisiana licensees will create an account as a PT or PTA, not a new applicant. New applicants are those applying for licensure in Louisiana.

Still having trouble? The information found in our database may not match the information that you are entering on the "Create an Account" screen. Please contact the Board office for assistance.

Enter continuing education all year long!

Tracking continuing education required for renewal has never been easier. Login to your account and add Board-approved courses to your profile. Once a course is added, you can scan and upload certificates to be stored on your profile.

Courses listed in the "Current Courses" section of your profile should only include courses reported for the current renewal cycle. Licensees may access archived courses by clicking the "View Archived CEU Courses" button on the lower portion of the continuing education screen. Beginning in September 2016, licensees will have the ability to manually archive courses that should not apply to the current renewal cycle. Log in after September 1, 2016 to begin archiving courses that will not apply to your next renewal cycle.

Benefits to entering continuing education early

- 1. Identify courses taken that are not Board-approved. Early identification of courses that are not Board-approved gives licensees time to resolve deficiencies in course requirements.
2. Track continuing education hours. By entering completed courses early, the Board website calculates the number of credit hours a licensee has completed for the renewal period. Licensees must archive courses that were taken prior to the renewal period for an accurate calculation.
3. Renewal form made easy. The renewal form is available starting February 1st (only odd year birth years will renew in 2017). The renewal process is much easier when non-Board-approved courses are identified months in advance.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Recovering Physical Therapy Program (RPTP)

Are you or is someone you know battling with substance abuse? It is time to consider the RPTP. The objective of the program is to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public by monitoring impaired practitioners whose capacity to practice with reasonable skill and safety has been, or may potentially be, compromised because of the use of alcohol, drugs, or as a result of any mental or physical condition. The program provides a structured program for PTs and PTAs seeking recovery from the impairment through a non-punitive, confidential process (§§353, 355). For more information, please contact Charlotte Martin at 337-262-1043 ext. 102 or charlotte@lapboard.org

Free Ethics Course Offering - 2 Credits

The Board has approved a free Ethics course titled "Navigating the Regulatory Environment: Ensuring Compliance While Promoting Professional Integrity." This course is sponsored by the APTA and is offered to everyone, including non-members. As a reminder, only 15 hours of distance learning coursework is reportable during each renewal cycle.

Find this course at http://learningcenter.apta.org.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Have you completed Dry Needling coursework?

Scan and email your course completion certificate(s) to ceu@lapboard.org to remain in compliance with Board requirements for dry needling treatment.

LICENSES NOT RENEWED IN 2016

Notice of licensees who choose to not renew their Louisiana license is provided to the public. Non-renewal is not grounds for disciplinary action and should not be interpreted as such. Individuals who will not be renewing their license in Louisiana are to complete a Notice of Non-Renewal of License form. Completing the form does not exempt individuals from public notification list in the newsletter.

Table listing licensees whose licenses were not renewed in 2016, including names like Beatrice Aex, Myra Agnelly, Alvin Allen, etc.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- William Hooper, PT 04480, Morgan City, Administrative Complaint No. 2015-I-018. Respondent failed to comply with Board Order and failed to respond/cooperate with Board.
Brian Knight, PT 00755, New Orleans, Administrative Complaint No. 2015-I-028. Respondent failed to comply with the CE audit, failed to cooperate with Board.
Sacha Comeaux, PT 07048, Plaquemine, Administrative Complaint No. 2016-I-002. Respondent failed to submit to a drug test and failed to cooperate with the Board.
Gretchen Duplantis, PT 04772F, Baton Rouge, Administrative Complaint No. 2014-I-004. Respondent violated the Practice Act and Rules related to fraudulent billing and documentation.
Robyn Alleman, PT 05219, Shreveport, Administrative Complaint No. 2016-I-001. Respondent voluntarily surrendered her license in lieu of disciplinary action.
William Hooper, PT 04480, Morgan City, Administrative Complaint No. 2015-I-001. Respondent failed to comply with the Confidential Recovery Physical Therapy Program.
Robyn Alleman, PT 05219, Shreveport, Administrative Complaint No. 2014-I-011. Respondent abused controlled substances and engaged in conduct that resulted in arrest and the initiation of criminal prosecution.
Rebecca Seymour PT 07641R, Tickfaw, Administrative Complaint No. 2014-I-012. Respondent failed to comply with the Board Order and failed to comply with the Recovering Physical Therapy Program.
Rebecca Seymour PT 07641R, Tickfaw, Administrative Complaint No. 2014-I-012. Respondent failed a pre-employment drug screen and failed to cooperate with the Board.
Art Prado, PTA A1993G, Sunset, Administrative Complaint No. 2016-I-009. Respondent failed to comply with his Consent Order.
Ashley Wilkinson, PTA A7142, Meraux, Administrative Complaint No. 2014-I-006. Respondent violated her Consent Order in lieu of disciplinary action.
Jane Wetherington, PT 00439R, Shreveport, Administrative Complaint No. 2015-I-002. Respondent failed to comply with the Board Order dated October 7, 2015.
Emily Hymel, PT 08092, Baton Rouge, Administrative Complaint No. 2015-I-011. Respondent took a partially nude photo at work.
Jane Wetherington, PT 00439R, Shreveport, Administrative Complaint No. 2015-I-002. Respondent treated patients under the influence of alcohol and failed to cooperate with the Board.
Julie Alexander, PTA A4602, Plaquemine, Administrative Complaint No. 2015-I-001. Respondent self-reported hospitalization related to alcohol abuse.
Pamela Hoffman, PT 03252, Slidell, Administrative Complaint No. 2015-I-007. Respondent tested positive for illegal marijuana use unrelated to the practice.
Ayodeji Famuyide, PT 03314F, Baton Rouge, Administrative Complaint No. 2014-I-001. Respondent documented services fraudulently and involved another physical therapist.
Ashley Wilkinson, PTA A7142, Meraux, Administrative Complaint No. 2014-I-006. Respondent violated her Consent Order and failed to abstain from the use of drugs and alcohol.
Stephanie Keen, PT 01524R, Covington, Administrative Complaint No. 2015-I-010. Respondent failed to timely renew.
Beau Bassil, PTA, A8483, Metairie, Administrative Complaint No. 2015-I-009. Respondent failed to timely renew.
Stacey Andrus, PTA A6598, Deville, Administrative Complaint No. 2014-I-017. Respondent failed to comply with her reinstatement order involving drug and alcohol screening and treated patients under the influence of alcohol.
Art Prado, PTA A1993G, Sunset, Administrative Complaint No. 2014-I-009. Respondent failed to meet with scheduled patients and staff and failed to return company equipment.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



The LPTB board members encourage licensees, employers, schools, and other stakeholders to engage the Board. You may contact the Board informally through an email, letter, or phone call, or you may take a formal route and petition the Board for an official statement. Once informed, the Board will address your topics at the monthly Board meetings. To access the Board meeting schedule and the monthly agenda, please visit www.lapboard.org/meetings and to view a historical index of Board meeting minutes, please visit www.lapboard.org/minutes.

RULE REVIEW: DOCUMENTATION STANDARDS

With the transition to electronic management records or with a transition in office management, licensees may have received updated forms. The Board receives correspondences from licensees and it appears that there may be confusion with form titles. The Board urges licensees to review Rule §341 in detail, reviewing the definitions of the terms. In practice terminology may be used that is confusing the frequency of documentation standards. Reviewing the definitions of terms ensures that you are not relying on the term of the activity, but the actual activity as defined by the Board when documenting.

BOARD UPDATE

To fulfill its mission to protect the public, the Board has recently voted to approve the launch of the Public Service Announcement (PSA). This statewide PSA will be aired from September 2016 through May 2017, with an option for the Board to extend the PSA reach depending on the status of the budget at the end of June 2017. The PSA will reach Louisiana citizens through television, radio, and online advertisements informing the public of physical therapy training and licensure and how to verify that a treating physical therapist is licensed.

Al Moreau, III, PT Board Chairman

Footer containing Louisiana Physical Therapy Board logo, address (104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana 70507), phone (337) 262-1043, fax (337) 262-1054, and website information.

Upcoming Events section with Board Meetings (09/21/2016, 09/22/2016, 10/20/2016, 10/21/2016) and Jurisprudence Seminars (Sunday, September 11, 2016 and Thursday, October 27, 2016).

Staff Members and Advisory Committee section listing Charlotte F. Martin, Amanda Lafleur, Danielle Linzer, Stephanie Boudreaux, Meghan Chissom, Eugene Noel, Althea Jones, Wayne Campbell, Nicholas Butler, Robert Montanaro, Jeremy Dye, Christopher Franks, and Ryan Usner.