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**Continuing education.**

Pursuant to division (A) of section 4755.52 of the Revised Code, no person shall qualify for license renewal as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant unless ~~he or she~~ has the individual completed the required continuing education units (CEU's) outlined in paragraph (A) of this rule. A "unit" is one clock hour spent in a continuing education activity meeting the requirements for licensure renewal under section 4755.52 of the Revised Code.

(A) Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants shall participate in continuing education activities that meet the requirements outlined in division (B) of section 4755.52 of the Revised Code.

(1) A physical therapist must complete twenty-four units of continuing education activities within the two year period, ending December thirty-first, preceding the January thirty-first expiration of their license.

(2) A physical therapist assistant must complete twelve units of continuing education activities within the two year period, ending December thirty-first, preceding the January thirty-first expiration of their license.

(B) All continuing education activities must meet the criteria established in sections 4755.52 and 4755.53 of the Revised Code.

(C) Accumulated CEU's may not be carried over from one renewal period to another.

(D) Pursuant to sections 4755.52 and 4755.53 of the Revised Code, the physical therapy section may contract with the Ohio physical therapy association (OPTA) to assist the section with the performing of its continuing education duties. The OPTA shall accept, review, and approve proposals for professional workshops, seminars, and/or conferences for continuing education units or for other continuing education activities reported by physical therapists and physical therapist assistants who qualify under section 4755.53 of the Revised Code. The OPTA shall perform any other duties agreed upon by the section and the OPTA necessary for the approval, maintenance, and/or reporting of continuing education activities for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

~~(1) Maintain an accurate record of continuing education units earned by physical therapists and physical therapist assistants;~~

~~(2) Issue a written report of recorded continuing education units accumulated by physical therapists and physical therapist assistants; and~~

~~(3) Perform any other duties agreed upon by the section and the OPTA necessary for the approval, maintenance, and/or reporting of continuing education~~

~~activities for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.~~

- (E) A license shall not be renewed unless the licensee meets the requirements of paragraph (A) of this rule. ~~The licensee shall obtain an Ohio approval number for all completed~~ Completed continuing education activities shall have an Ohio approval number.
- (F) The physical therapy section may conduct a random audit of the continuing education records of a number of the licensees to be determined by the section each renewal year. The section will notify licensees who are randomly selected for the audit to determine compliance with the continuing education requirement specified in this rule.
- (1) Licensees, chosen randomly, shall submit to the board by the ~~thirty first day of January~~ date specified by the board copies of all records and ~~the required~~ documentation of proof of completion of the continuing education activities used to meet the continuing education requirements of this rule.~~listed on the continuing education audit reporting form.~~
- (2) ~~In the event any licensee fails to submit a report of their continuing education to the board by the thirty first day of January of the renewal year or fails~~ Failure to comply with~~to respond to the CEU continuing education audit will result in the commencement of disciplinary action,~~ the application shall be treated as an incomplete application and the license will expire.
- (G) A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant license shall not be renewed unless the licensee certifies that the individual completed the required number of continuing education hours specified in paragraph (A) of this rule.
- A licensee who falsifies a renewal application may be disciplined by the physical therapy section for violating section 4755.48 of the Revised Code.

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