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Continuing education.

Pursuant to sections 4755.51 and 4755.511 of the Revised Code, no person shall qualify for license renewal as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant unless 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 established in 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 renewal cycle.

(2) A physical therapist assistant must complete twelve units of continuing education activities within the two year renewal cycle.

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

(C) 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, approve, or deny 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.

(D) A license shall not be renewed unless the licensee meets the requirements of paragraph (A) of this rule. Completed continuing education activities shall have a current Ohio approval number.

(E) The physical therapy section shall conduct an 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 selected for the audit to determine compliance with the continuing education requirement specified in this rule.

(1) Licensees chosen for the audit shall submit to the board by the date specified by the board copies of all records and documentation of proof of completion of the continuing education activities used to meet the continuing education requirements of this rule.

(2) Failure to provide proof of the required number of continuing education hours for the specified time period will result in the commencement of disciplinary action.

(3) Failure to respond to or acknowledge receipt of an audit notice will result in the commencement of disciplinary action.

(F) 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.

(G) Completion of academic coursework, clinical instruction, mentoring, residencies, fellowships, and tools for continuing education credit.

(1) Passing the following specialty examinations will qualify for twenty-four contact hours of continuing education in the year the examination is taken:

(a) Specialty examinations administered by the American board of physical therapy specialties (ABPTS).

(b) The hand therapy certification commission (HTCC) certification examination.

(2) The successful completion of an American physical therapy association credentialed residency or fellowship program will qualify for twenty-four contact hours of continuing education in the year the residency or fellowship is completed.

(3) The successful completion of a practice review tool of the federation of state boards of physical therapy pertaining to continued competence will qualify for continuing education.

(a) Twelve contact hours of continuing education will be awarded for completion of a practice review tool.

(b) Licensees may use a practice review tool identified in paragraph (G)(3) of this rule no more than every other renewal period.

- (4) Coursework completed at a commission on accreditation in physical therapy education accredited entry-level physical therapist education program or a postprofessional transition clinical doctorate program is eligible for continuing education credit.
- (5) Serving as a clinical instructor will qualify for one contact hour for each eighty hours of clinical instruction.
 - (a) To be eligible for continuing education credit in accordance with this paragraph, a physical therapist must be an APTA certified level I or level II clinical instructor and a physical therapist assistant must be an APTA certified level I clinical instructor.
 - (b) A physical therapist may earn up to twelve contact hours per renewal cycle by serving as a clinical instructor.
 - (c) A physical therapist assistant may earn up to six contact hours per renewal cycle by serving as a clinical instructor.
 - (d) Proof of clinical instruction is a certificate from the student's school documenting the number of hours of clinical supervision completed.
- (6) Serving as a mentor in an APTA accredited clinical residency or fellowship program will qualify for one contact hour for each three hours of mentorship.
 - (a) To be eligible for continuing education credit in accordance with this paragraph, a physical therapist must meet one of the following criteria:
 - (i) Currently certified as an APTA certified level I or level II clinical instructor; or
 - (ii) Currently hold a specialty certification issued by the American board of physical therapy specialties (ABPTS) or by the hand therapy certification commission (HTCC).
 - (b) A physical therapist may earn up to twelve contact hours per renewal cycle by serving as a mentor.
 - (c) Proof of mentorship is a certificate from the director of the clinical residency or fellowship documenting the number of hours of mentorship completed.
- (4)(7) Continuing education activities identified in paragraph (G) of this rule do not require an Ohio approval number. Continuing education will be granted in the reporting period in which the academic coursework, clinical instruction, mentoring, tool, residency, or fellowship is completed.

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