

K.A.R. 100-29-9. License and certificate renewal; continuing education. (a)(1)(A) As a condition of renewal for each odd-numbered year, each licensed physical therapist, certified physical therapist assistant, or compact privilege holder shall submit, in addition to the annual application for renewal of licensure, certification, or compact privilege, evidence of satisfactory completion within the preceding two-year period of at least 40 contact hours of continuing education for a licensed physical therapist or a physical therapist holding a compact privilege and at least 20 contact hours of continuing education for a certified physical therapist assistant or a physical therapist assistant holding a compact privilege. As a component of the required contact hours, each licensed physical therapist shall be required to successfully complete the physical therapy jurisprudence assessment module specified in paragraph (f)(15) during each continuing education cycle.

(B) Evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education shall not be required to be submitted with the application for renewal of licensure, compact privilege, or certification in even-numbered years.

(2) A contact hour shall consist of 60 minutes of activity pertaining to the practice of physical therapy.

(3) Meals and breaks shall not be included in the contact hour calculation.

(b) Any applicant for renewal who cannot meet the requirements of paragraph (a)(1)(A) may request an extension from the board to submit evidence of continuing education. The request shall include a plan for completion of the continuing education requirements within the requested extension period. An extension of up to six months may be granted by the board for a substantiated medical condition, natural disaster, death of a spouse or an immediate family

member, or any other compelling reason that in the judgment of the board renders the licensee incapable of meeting the requirements of paragraph (a)(1)(A).

(c) A physical therapist initially licensed or holding a compact privilege or a physical therapist assistant initially certified or holding a compact privilege within one year of a renewal date in an odd-numbered year shall not be required to submit evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education required by paragraph (a)(1)(A) for that first renewal period. Each physical therapist or physical therapist assistant initially licensed, holding a compact privilege, or certified or whose license, compact privilege, or certificate has been reinstated for more than one year but less than two years from a renewal date in an odd-numbered year shall be required to submit evidence of satisfactory completion of at least half of the contact hours of continuing education required by paragraph (a)(1)(A).

(d) All continuing education activities shall be related to the practice of physical therapy.

(e) All continuing education activities shall pertain to any of the following:

- (1) Clinical skills;
- (2) administration and management techniques;
- (3) educational principles when providing service to patients, families, health professionals, health professional students, or the community;
- (4) research projects with peer-reviewed, published results;
- (5) legislative issues involving the profession;
- (6) health care and the health care delivery system;
- (7) documentation, reimbursement, cost-effectiveness, and regulatory compliance; or
- (8) problem solving, critical thinking, and ethics.

(f) The following shall qualify as continuing education activities:

(1) Lecture. "Lecture" shall mean a live discourse for the purpose of instruction given before an audience. One contact hour shall be awarded for each hour of instruction.

(2) Panel. "Panel" shall mean the presentation of multiple views by several professional individuals on a given subject, with none of the views considered a final solution.

(3) Workshop. "Workshop" shall mean a series of meetings designed for intensive study, work, or discussion in a specific field of interest.

(4) Seminar. "Seminar" shall mean directed advanced study or discussion in a specific field of interest.

(5) Symposium. "Symposium" shall mean a conference of more than a single session organized for the purpose of discussing a specific subject from various viewpoints and by various speakers.

(6) In-service training. "In-service training" shall mean an educational presentation given to employees during the course of employment that pertains solely to the enhancement of physical therapy skills in the evaluation, assessment, or treatment of patients.

(7) College or university courses. "College or university course" shall mean a course at the college or university level directly related to the practice of physical therapy. Ten contact hours shall be given for each semester credit hour for which the student received a grade of at least C or its equivalent or a "pass" in a pass/fail course that is documented in an official transcript.

(8) Administrative training. "Administrative training" shall mean a presentation that enhances the knowledge of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant on the topic of

quality assurance, risk management, reimbursement, hospital and statutory requirements, or claim procedures.

(9) Self-instruction. “Self-instruction” shall mean the following:

(A) Reading professional literature directly related to the practice of physical therapy. A maximum of two contact hours shall be awarded for reading professional literature;

(B) completion of a correspondence, audio, video, or internet course for which a printed verification of successful completion is provided by the person or organization offering the course; and

(C) passage of a specialty certification examination approved by the board. Forty contact hours shall be awarded for passage of a specialty certification examination.

(10) Professional publications. Contact hours for writing a professional publication shall be allotted as follows:

(A) Original paper

Single author20

Senior author15

Coauthor..... 8

(B) Review paper or case report

Single author15

Coauthor..... 8

(C) Abstract or book review 8

(D) Publication of a book.....20

(11) Physical therapy residency or fellowship program. “Physical therapy residency or fellowship program” shall mean a post-professional program that is directly related to the practice of physical therapy and requires at least 1,000 combined hours of instruction and clinical practice for completion. Forty contact hours shall be awarded for successful completion of a physical therapy residency or fellowship program.

(12) Elected delegate. “Elected delegate” shall mean an elected delegate in a national assembly of delegates with the objective to create policy related to the practice of physical therapy. Ten contact hours shall be awarded for serving one term as an elected delegate.

(13) Supervision of a student. “Supervision of a student” shall mean clinical instruction and evaluation of a physical therapist student or physical therapist assistant student in a clinical setting. One contact hour shall be awarded for each documented 40 hours of providing supervision of a student. A maximum of three contact hours shall be awarded in each two-year continuing education period.

(14) Continuing education program presentation. “Continuing education program presentation” shall mean the preparation and presentation of a continuing education program that meets the requirements of subsection (e). Three contact hours shall be awarded for each hour spent presenting.

(15) Physical therapy jurisprudence assessment module. “Physical therapy jurisprudence assessment module” shall mean the Kansas jurisprudence examination developed by the board and the FSBPT and administered by the FSBPT. One contact hour shall be awarded for successful completion of the physical therapy jurisprudence assessment module.

(g) No contact hours shall be awarded for any continuing education activity that is repeated within the applicable continuing education period specified in subsection (a) or (b).

(h) To provide evidence of satisfactory completion of continuing education activities, each licensed physical therapist, each certified physical therapist assistant, and each compact privilege holder shall submit the following to the board:

(1) Documented evidence of any attendance at or successful completion of continuing education activities;

(2) personal verification of any self-instruction from reading professional literature; and

(3) one copy of any peer-reviewed professional publication.

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