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Nevada Requirements

NEVADA MINIMUM ANNUAL REQUIREMENT is **15 Continuing Competence Units (CCUs)**.

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. There are several options to meet the minimum requirement of 15 CCUs. The chart below shows the maximum CCUs permitted for each category of activity.

Continuing Competency Category	Option A	Option B	Option C
Approved Courses and Conferences	14 CCUs		≥7 CCUs
Advanced Competency		14 CCUs	
Professional Activities			≤8 CCUs
Cultural, Access, and Ethical Standards (DEI)*	1 CCU	1 CCU	1 CCU

*Licensees required to complete **1 CCU** of activities of courses regarding Cultural, Access, and Ethical Standards (DEI) before each renewal period. The 1 CCU Cultural, Access, and Ethical Standards (DEI) requirement may be incorporated into your coursework or professional competency.

Definitions and Acronyms

CeBroker:

Documentation of all CCU activities MUST be uploaded by licensees during license renewal. CeBroker.com is used to report the CCUs taken in a licensee's renewal period. Both CCU providers and licensees use CeBroker to submit courses for course approval. Licensees can also use CeBroker to search for courses that have been approved for PT/PTAs in Nevada.

Continuing Competence:

Continuing competence in physical therapy is the lifelong process of maintaining and formally documenting competence through ongoing self-assessment, development, implementation of a personal learning plan, and subsequent reassessment. Continuing competence is intended to develop and increase knowledge, skills, and professional performance while trying to prevent professional obsolescence by staying current with the new developments in theory and practice while preventing skill and knowledge deterioration.

Cultural Competency Requirement:

Continuing Competency Requirement effective January 1, 2025, includes 1 CCU activity concerning Cultural, Access, and Ethical Standards (DEI) within the year immediately preceding their license expiration. This credit will contribute toward the overall required 15 CCUs, rather than in addition to.

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)

ACCC – Advisory Committee on Continuing Competency

APTA – American Physical Therapy Association

CCU – Continuing Competency Unit (1 CCU = 1 hour)

CEU – Continuing Education Unit (1 CEU = 10 hours)

FSBPT – Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy

NVPTB – Nevada Physical Therapy Board

Advanced Competency:

*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 14 CCUs from this category to complete the minimum requirement.*

Advanced Competency Activities		
<u>CCU Category</u>	<u>Maximum CCU</u>	<u>Description of Documentation</u>
Certified Specialist Examination through ABPTS	14 CCUs**	Passing Score demonstrated by the formal ABPTS letter**
Accredited Residency	14 CCUs	Signed proof of participation
Accredited Fellowship	14 CCUs	Signed proof of participation

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

Professional Activities:

These are activities that the NVPTB 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 6 CCUs from either of the other two categories as well as the REQUIRED 1 CCU of Cultural, Access, and Ethical Standard (DEI).)**

Professional Activity	Maximum CCUs	Documentation
▪ In-Person Attendance at NPTB/APTA NV meetings	1 CCU per meeting (max 4 CCUs/year)	Certificate, record, or confirmation from relevant organization
▪ NPTB/APTA NV Board/FSBPT/Committee work	5 hours for 1 CCU (max 4 CCUs/year)	Certificate, record, or confirmation from relevant organization
▪ College Coursework	1 credit for 1 CCU (max 8 CCUs/year)	Copy of transcript
▪ In-service (attending an in-service)	1 hour for 1 CCU (max 4 CCUs/year)	Certificate, record, or confirmation from relevant organization
▪ Pro-bono PT service	2+ hrs/day of service for 1 CCU (max 4 CCUs/year)	Certificate, record, or confirmation from relevant organization
▪ Primary Clinical Instructor	40 hrs of CI time for 1 CCU (max 4 CCUs/student)	Certificate, record, or confirmation from relevant organization
▪ Peer-Reviewed Publication	1 article for 8 CCUs (max 8 CCUs/year)	Active participation may include being the primary author, co-author, investigator, editor, etc. Copy of the published product
▪ Primary Instructor of a Continuing Competency Course	1 Hour for 1 CCU (max 8 CCUs/for the first year the course is taught)	Certificate, record, or confirmation from relevant organization
▪ Mentorship	20 hrs of Mentorship for 1 CCU (max 4 CCUs/year)	Certificate, record, or confirmation from relevant organization or Mentorship Log
▪ Professional Advocacy	2 hrs of Advocacy for 1 CCU (max 8 CCUs/year)	Certificate, record, or confirmation from relevant organization or Advocacy Log
▪ Healthy Practice Resource (HRRI)	1 Module for 1 CCU (max 5 CCUs/year)	Certificate from HRRI (https://healthypractice.hrri.org/)

Mentorship Logs

The following logs are options for the supporting documentation required for Mentorship and Professional Advocacy. These logs are not required to be submitted if another document containing the information referenced is provided by the relevant organization. Printable versions of these logs are available here: [Mentorship and Professional Advocacy Logs](#)

Nevada Physical Therapy Board Professional Advocacy Log

Engaging in Professional Advocacy involves actively participating in either NVPT Board or APTA Nevada advocacy efforts. Specifically lobbying efforts, advocating for key issues, contributing to educational initiatives, and attending meetings to stay informed and involved in shaping the future of physical therapy in Nevada.

Submitting Licensee Name & License #: _____

Location	Date	Description Advocacy Opportunity	Duration (hours)	Lobbying Committee Signature

This log is meant to be a resource to meet required supporting documentation for Professional Activity Item: Professional Advocacy. If documentation reflecting this information in another form is available from the NVPTB or APTA Nevada, it may be submitted instead of this log. Otherwise, this form is available to record and submit for appropriate CCUs.

Nevada Physical Therapy Board Mentorship Log

Submitting Licensee Name & License #: _____

Mentor Signature	Date	Description of Mentorship Opportunity	Duration (Hours)	Mentee Signature	Date

Total Time (hours):

CCUs (1 per 20hr Mentorship):

Mentor(s) Contact Information:

Mentee(s) Contact information:

This log is meant to be a resource to meet required supporting documentation for Professional Activity Item: Mentorship. If documentation reflecting this information in another form is available from a mentorship program, it may be submitted instead of this log. Otherwise, this form is available to record and submit for appropriate CCUs.

Courses and Conferences:

These activities are submitted for review by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board (NVPTB) 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 14

CCUs from this category. Courses approved for Nevada physical therapy licensure may not be repeated for credit within a five (5) year period. Credit will be awarded only once for the same course, regardless of the delivery format or sponsoring organization.

CCU Category	Method of Approval	Description of Documentation
Conferences	As awarded by the ACCC	Certificate of completion for NPTB approved CE course or conference
Individual Continuing Education Courses	As awarded by the ACCC	Course Certificate with the correct dates, CCUs listed, and name.
Non-Clinical Continuing Education Courses	As awarded by the ACCC (max 8 CCUs/year)	Course Certificate with the correct dates, CCU listed, and name.

Course and Conference Approval Process

1. All submissions must be submitted through CeBroker.com.
2. Course application cut-off is 3 weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting. Courses submitted after the cut-off will be placed on the agenda for the following meeting.
3. The following information must be included with the application in order to streamline course review and processing.
 - a. Course Description, Goals, and Objectives
 - b. Hour-by-Hour Timeline (for ALL courses, regardless of length – please identify where breaks/meals are. These do not count when determining CCUs).
 - i. For courses that are held on numerous days and have numerous instructors, please send a condensed comprehensive timeline followed by any other pertinent details to simplify the timeline/CCU review.
 - ii. Be sure to include a precalculated CCU total based on the guidelines set forth by the NPTB (See NPTB website for calculator).
 - c. Brief biography of the instructor, no more than 500 words OR brief 2-page CV.
 - d. Examination that accurately reflects the content and rigor of the course (required for any course that is not ENTIRELY on-site).
 - e. Provide at least **5 references within the last 5 years** reflecting the most current evidence-based research utilized to compile the course.
 - f. Copy of the Certificate of Completion (with signature). The certificate must contain the name of the provider and a descriptive/accurate course title (the name of the provider and course title should match what is on the application above).
4. Do NOT submit course/instructor evaluations, brochures, activity planners, etc. These will not be taken into consideration for CCU determination.
5. The CCUs requested will not necessarily be the CCUs approved. Approval is based on the actual time and content of the course. The course will be reviewed according to the statute and regulations of the NVPTB as well as the review guidelines that are attached below.

6. Denied Courses (initial application fee will be forfeited): Will receive a notification via CeBroker with a reason for denial. These courses can be resubmitted for review with an updated/corrected application and a new application fee.
7. Nevada grants blanket CE approval for courses and conferences directly presented by the APTA, including those in the APTA Learning Center (<https://learningcenter.apta.org/>), APTA Combined Sections Meeting (CSM), and official conferences of APTA Sections/Academies. Blanket approval also extends to the local Nevada APTA Chapter courses and conferences. Blanket approval does not extend to courses or conferences hosted by out of state APTA Chapters or third-party “accredited/approved providers,” even if affiliated with or endorsed by APTA. Such third-party offerings must be individually approved by the NVPTB to qualify toward licensure renewal.
8. Per NAC 640.400(2), the Board will not approve training for continuing education, experience acquired in fields that it determines are unrelated to the practice of physical therapy.
9. Animal Physical Therapy Courses are deemed Non-Clinical and are approved by the Nevada Veterinary Board. Check here for approved providers: <https://nvvetboard.nv.gov/FAQ/> under “What is approved for CE in Nevada?”. Animal therapy courses are not submitted via CeBroker, and are approved through the veterinary board.
10. To be eligible for CEU approval in the State of Nevada, a course must include a minimum of one (1) contact hour of instructional time. Credit may be awarded in 30-minute increments (0.5 CEU) after the 1 hour minimum has been met, up to a maximum of 15 contact hours per course. Courses completed in the quarter hour will be rounded down to the nearest half hour.

Course Approval and Denial Codes

Clinical Physical Therapy Practice (A)

1. The course must address at least one topic that covers an aspect of clinical practice directly related to patient care along the continuum of active pathology, impairment, functional limitations, and disability.
 - a. Core Knowledge
 - b. Examination and Evaluation
 - c. Prognosis
 - d. Diagnosis
 - e. Clinical Decision Making
 - f. Clinical Guidelines
 - g. Evidence-Based Practice (as defined above)
 - h. Interventions
 - i. Wellness, Health Promotion, and Fitness
 - j. Clinical Outcome Measures
 - k. Injury Risk Reduction and Prevention
 - l. Technology (directly related to patient care)
 - m. Any of the ten specialty exams through the A.B.P.T.S.
2. The course must be taught by one individual or a team of individuals who hold a comparable level of competence as a physical therapist and/or who have:
 - a. Exhibited experience in the topic. Courses that are tangential or indirectly related to clinical practice will be reviewed and evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
 - b. Demonstrated expertise in the topic. Experience and expertise will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis

3. The course must be sufficiently rigorous to be contemporary and beyond/above entry-level physical therapist or physical therapist assistant practice in any areas of physical therapy practice including:

- a. Hospital (e.g. wound care, critical care, intensive care, acute care, and subacute care settings)
- b. Outpatient clinics
- c. Rehabilitation settings
- d. Subacute, extended care, skilled nursing, or hospice facilities
- e. Home Health
- f. School Based
- g. Industrial, workplace, or other corporate/occupational environments
- h. Athletic, Fitness, or sports training facilities
- i. Mobile/Concierge settings
- j. Telehealth

4. If the course is fully self-paced (recorded content with or without reading component), or a hybrid course (combination of live webinar and self-paced portions) with self-paced portions then a sufficiently rigorous post-test must be administered **AND** reflect/match the stated objectives

Non-Clinical Physical Therapy Practice (B)

1. The course must address at least one topic or an aspect of physical therapy practice.

- a. Healthcare Policy and Administration
- b. Interdisciplinary/Intradisciplinary Healthcare
- c. Physical Therapy Documentation
- d. Physical Therapy Insurance and Reimbursement
- e. Physical Therapy Research Methods/Procedures
- f. Physical Therapy Case Management
- g. Medicolegal Pertaining to Physical Therapy
- h. Patient Satisfaction
- i. Language (directly related to physical therapy practice)
- j. Professional Development/Professionalism (including leadership, communication, conflict resolution)
- k. Mental Health of the Health Professional (ie. Burnout)

2. Veterinary Rehabilitation Physical Therapists have been approved up to 5 CCU from vendors approved by Veterinary Board. Approved Providers can be found here:
<https://nvvetboard.nv.gov/FAQ/> under “What is approved for CE in Nevada?”

Denials- Courses not likely to receive approval (C)

1. Courses that are:

- a. Self-paced Reading of Textbooks/Chapters of Textbooks/Excerpts of Textbooks/Copies or Reprints of Textbooks or peer-reviewed journal articles with a post-test.
- b. Beyond the scope of physical therapy practice
- c. Clearly under the purview of another discipline
- d. Below entry-level physical therapist or physical therapist assistant clinical practice
- e. General Business Practice Management/Improvement (including marketing strategies, expanding clinical practice, revenue generation)

- f. About issues related to an area of clinical practice for which the scientific evidence has clearly invalidated the topic
- g. About a practice that is not accepted by contemporaneously practicing physical therapists
- h. About general self-improvement (e.g., self-help courses, psychosocial content not relating to the practice of healthcare)
- i. Employment law
- j. Language courses unrelated to physical therapy practice
- k. University coursework is unrelated to healthcare
- l. Computer competence courses (unrelated to PT practice or telehealth)
- m. Provider submitted Animal Physical Therapy courses are not approved through the Nevada Physical Therapy Board.
- n. Training faculty
- o. Insufficient documentation after 30 a day grace period to re-submit (Approved with Condition Courses only)
- p. Outdated Material(s)
- q. Self-paced course consisting of only reading material (no video content)
- r. Lack of instructor expertise or experience in content area
- s. Board Denials pursuant to 640.450(1)
- t. Does not meet contact hour minimum. A course must include a minimum of one (1) contact hour of instructional time.

Approved with Condition- Courses that do not provide sufficient documentation (D)

Courses that do not provide sufficient documentation will receive an email, indicating that one or more of the following components are missing and need to be submitted in order for the course to be approved. If the request for additional documentation is not completed and received within 30 days from the date of the letter, then the course will be denied based on insufficient documentation see subsection (C.1.o.). Sufficient documentation request may include one or more of the following conditions:

- a. Course overview of objectives
- b. Hour-by-hour timeline (for all courses, regardless of length) • If breaks/meals are not identified
- c. Brief Biography of Instructor demonstrating knowledge/ experience in content area
- d. No post-test for self-paced or virtual courses
- e. Inadequate references
- f. Course certificate (with appropriate course title/instructor/CCUs that match the application)
- g. Psychosocial issues content that does not relate to the practice of healthcare
- h. Delivery method not supported (self-paced reading-only course) with the recommendation to change the delivery method for approval

Cultural, Access, and Ethical Standards (E)

Licensees required to complete 1CCU of activities of courses regarding Cultural, Access, and Ethical Standards (DEI) before each renewal period. Including Courses related to:

- a. Ethics
- b. Access
- c. Bias (Implicit/Explicit)

- d. Gender/ Sexuality
- e. Culture
- f. Race
- g. Spiritual Beliefs
- h. Ageism
- i. Bias related to ICF model
- j. Employer provided Cultural Competency (DEI) Courses