

Rule 8. Continuing Competency Requirements

844 IAC 6-8-1 Continuing competency requirements

Authority: IC 25-27-1-5

Affected: IC 25-1-4; IC 25-27-1-5

Sec. 1. (a) Twenty-two (22) hours of continuing competency activities are required for the biennial renewal period, of which two (2) hours must be in an ethics and Indiana jurisprudence course as it relates to the practice of physical therapy.

(b) Only activities that have been approved under this article will be accepted as credit for license or certification renewal.

(c) Continuing competency hours:

(1) must be obtained within the biennial renewal period; and

(2) may not be carried over from one (1) renewal period to another.

(d) If a license or certification is valid for less than twelve (12) months, no continuing competency activity is required for renewal. If the license or certification is valid for twelve (12) to twenty-three (23) months, twelve (12) hours of continuing competency activities are required for renewal, which shall include the two (2) hours of an ethics and Indiana jurisprudence course as it relates to the practice of physical therapy.

(e) Audits for compliance with continuing competency requirements and actions regarding noncompliance will be conducted as provided for in IC 25-1-4.

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844 IAC 6-8-2 Responsibilities of licensees

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Sec. 2. A license or certificate holder shall do the following:

(1) Certify completion of continuing competency activities required by this rule at the time of license or certification renewal.

(2) Retain verification of completion of continuing competency activities required by this rule for three (3) years after the last renewal date.

(3) Present proof of completion of continuing competency activities required by this rule at the request of the committee in a format that is verifiable by the committee.

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844 IAC 6-8-3 License or certification period; number of hours required

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Affected: IC 25-27-1-5

Sec. 3. (a) During each two (2) year license period, a physical therapist or physical therapist's assistant must complete at least twenty-two (22) hours of continuing competency activities of which at least ten (10) hours must be in category I courses and two (2) hours must be in an ethics and Indiana jurisprudence course as it relates to the practice of physical therapy.

(b) A physical therapist or physical therapist's assistant may not earn more than ten (10) category II credit hours towards the requirements under this section.

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844 IAC 6-8-4 "Category I continuing competency activities" and "category II continuing competency activities" defined

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Affected: IC 25-1-4-0.2

Sec. 4. (a) As used in this rule, "category I continuing competency activities" includes the following and must be at least one (1) contact hour in length and be relevant to the practice of physical therapy:

(1) Formally organized courses.

(2) Workshops.

(3) Seminars.

(4) Symposia.

(5) Home study programs, including approved computer, audio, and video instructional programs, designed by committee-approved organizations and subject to committee verification and approval procedures.

(6) Approved "for credit" courses that are related to the practice of physical therapy from an approved organization as defined in IC 25-1-4-0.2.

(b) The following conversion will be used for "category I continuing competency credit":

(1) One (1) semester hour equals fifteen (15) contact hours.

(2) One (1) quarter hour equals ten (10) contact hours.

(3) One (1) trimester hour equals twelve and one-half (12.5) hours.

(c) As used in this rule, "category II continuing competency activities" includes the following:

(1) Professional research/writing. A licensee or certificate holder may receive continuing competency credit for publication of scientific papers, abstracts, or review articles in peer-reviewed and other professional journals; publication of textbook chapters; and poster or platform presentations at conferences sponsored by any approved entity up to a maximum of ten (10) hours per biennium. The following conversion will be used for continuing competency credit:

(A) Ten (10) hours for each refereed article.

(B) Three (3) hours for each nonrefereed article, abstract of published literature or book review.

(C) Eight (8) hours for each published textbook chapter.

(D) Five (5) hours for each poster or platform presentation or review article.

(2) Teaching as an adjunct responsibility at an accredited PT or PTA program. Two (2) hours of credit for each academic credit hour awarded by the accredited PT or PTA program for the first time the course is taught up to a maximum of ten (10) hours per biennium.

- (3) Participation as a presenter in an approved workshop, continuing education course, seminar, or symposium. Two (2) contact hours for each one (1) hour of presentation for first event, with a maximum of ten (10) hours per biennium.
- (4) Supervision of physical therapist students or physical therapist's assistant students from accredited programs in full-time clinical internships or residency programs. One (1) contact hour for every forty (40) hours of supervision with a maximum of ten (10) contact hours per biennium.
- (5) In-house or in-service seminars related to the practice of physical therapy. One (1) credit hour for each hour of in-service. Maximum of four (4) hours per biennium. Documentation shall consist of a description of the topic, date, duration, and the name of the presenter.
- (6) Actively participating with professional organizations related to the practice of physical therapy, with one (1) credit hour for each six (6) months service as an officer, delegate, or committee member, for a maximum of six (6) hours per biennium.
- (7) Certification of clinical specialization by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS) or another organization approved by the Indiana physical therapy committee: ten (10) hours maximum per biennium. Credit may be awarded only in the year that certification or recertification is obtained.
- (8) Certificate of Advanced Proficiency for the PTA by the APTA: five (5) hours maximum per biennium to be awarded. Credit may be awarded only in the year that certification or recertification is obtained.
- (9) Attendance at INAPTA state or district meetings that are at least one (1) hour in length, for a maximum of one (1) hour per meeting, for a maximum of four (4) hours per biennium.
- (10) Other scholarly or educational, or both, activities related to the practice or management of physical therapy and not described above, with approval from the committee.

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844 IAC 6-8-5 Approved organizations; standards for approval

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Sec. 5. (a) In addition to those approved organizations approved under IC 25-1-4-0.2, the following organizations are approved organizations for the purpose of approving and sponsoring continuing competency courses without making further application to the committee:

- (1) American Physical Therapy Association (APTA).
- (2) American Physical Therapy Association Indiana Chapter (INAPTA).
- (3) Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).
- (4) United States Department of Education.
- (5) Council on Postsecondary Education.
- (6) Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.
- (7) Joint Commission on Health Care Organizations.
- (8) Federal, state, and local governmental agencies.
- (9) A national, state, district, or local organization that operates as an affiliated entity under the approval of any organization listed in subdivisions (1) through (8).
- (10) A college or other teaching institution accredited by the United States Department of Education or the Council on Postsecondary Education or a regional accreditation association.

(b) The committee will approve continuing competency activities if it determines that the activity:

- (1) contributes directly to professional competency;
- (2) relates directly to the practice, management, or education of physical therapy practitioners; and
- (3) is conducted by individuals who have demonstrated expertise in the subject matter of the program.

Prior approval by the committee is not required for the aforementioned approved organizations. Proof of content shall be demonstrated by the original workshop or conference brochure, agenda, or materials given to participants during the presentations and evidence of successful completion of the course provided by the course instructor, such as certificate of completion or signed agenda indicating completion.

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