

## Proposed Rule Amendment to §341.2. Continuing Competence Requirements & §341.3. Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities

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**Summary of Amendment:** The amendments are proposed to allow for the required jurisprudence examination for initial licensure and license renewals and the ethics/professional responsibility license renewal requirement to be combined into one jurisprudence assessment learning module. Additionally, the amendments clarify the core documents for physical therapy ethics standards; authorizes the PT Board to establish a continuing competence value for the module for license renewal credit; and eliminates the need to have an ethics/professional responsibility course approved to meet the renewal requirement.

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### §341.2. Continuing Competence Requirements.

(a) – (e) No change.

(f) All licensees must complete a two CCUs in board-approved jurisprudence assessment module ~~[programs in ethics and professional responsibility]~~ as part of their total continuing competence requirement. The jurisprudence assessment module shall be assigned a CCU value and standard approval number by the board and ~~[Only programs receiving approval specifically for content in ethics and professional responsibility meet this requirement. In addition to the meeting the requirements described in §341.3 of this title, activities submitted to meet the ethics and professional responsibility requirements for license renewal]~~ shall include at a minimum the following components.

(1) No change.

(2) APTA's Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapist and Guide for Professional Conduct, [;] and the Guide for Conduct of the Physical Therapist Assistant and Standards of Ethical Conduct for the Physical Therapist Assistant;

(3) – (4) No change.

(g) No change.

(h) Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the board, the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) shall act as a [the] board-approved organization and shall be authorized to accredit providers and to evaluate and approve continuing competence activities for purposes of compliance with mandatory CC requirements as set by the board. This authority shall include authority to give, deny, withdraw and limit accreditation of providers and approval of competence activities, and to charge and collect fees as set forth in the MOU and in the statute and rules governing the board and the practice of physical therapy in Texas.

(1) No change.

~~[(2) A program taken to meet the ethics and professional responsibility requirements must have individual course approval.]~~

(2) ~~[(3)]~~ To apply for continuing competence review, the licensee or sponsor/provider must submit a fee as approved by the board with the CC review application and any additional documentation as specified in this section to the TPTA. Interested parties may contact the TPTA in Austin, Texas, (512) 477-1818, [www.tpta.org](http://www.tpta.org).

(A) No change.

(i) No change.

~~[(ii) Sponsors or accredited providers of activities approved as meeting the ethics and professional responsibility content requirement.]~~

(l) The following statement is authorized for use in publicity: "This activity has been approved by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners for \_\_\_\_\_ CCUs toward the ethics and professional responsibility requirement for PTs and PTAs."

~~(H) The following statement is authorized for use on certificates of completion only: "This activity has been approved by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, approval # \_\_\_\_\_, for \_\_\_\_\_ CCUs toward the ethics and professional responsibility requirement for PTs and PTAs."~~

~~(ii) [(iii)] Accredited providers.~~

(I) – (II) No change.

(B) – (C) No change.

~~(3) [(4)] Interested parties may contact the TPTA to inquire if a particular activity is approved. A list of approved activities is available on the TPTA web site.~~

~~(4) [(5)] Pursuant to the MOU, the TPTA shall provide quarterly reports to the board of its activities.~~

Additionally, the TPTA shall report to the board the results of periodic quality assurance follow-up or review of a representative sample of approved continuing competence activities. In the event of sponsor/provider noncompliance, results will be reported to the board in writing for further investigation and direction.

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### **§341.3. Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities.**

Licensees may select from a variety of activities to fulfill the requirements for continuing competence.

These activities include the following:

(1) No change.

(2) College or university courses.

(A) No change.

~~[(B) Courses submitted to meet the ethics/professional responsibility requirement must be approved as stated in §341.2 of this chapter (relating to Continuing Competence Requirements).]~~

~~(B) [(C)] College or university sponsored CE programs (no grade, no official transcript) must comply with paragraph (1)(A) of this subsection~~

~~(C) [(D)] College or university courses that are part of a post-professional physical therapy degree program, or are part of a CAPTE-accredited program bridging from PTA to PT, are automatically approved and are assigned a standard approval number by the board-approved organization. If selected for an audit, the licensee must submit an official transcript~~

(3) – (6) No change.