

## **New Jurisprudence Assessment Module Requirement**

In consideration of numerous comments about the redundancy of the **Jurisprudence (JP) Exam** and the **ethics/professional responsibility renewal requirement** that must include legal standards of behavior (including but not limited to the PT Practice Act and Rules) and in consideration of the disciplinary action that is taken against licensees that take an “ethics” course that does not comply with the minimum criteria set forth in rule and therefore are not approved, the **PT Board explored other possibilities to either replace or combine the two current renewal requirements.**

After evaluating several options, the PT Board decided that a new, improved JP examination that also includes an ethics/professional responsibility component all in one assessment learning module could serve as both the JP exam and the ethics/professional responsibility requirement for **individuals renewing either their PT or PTA license and as the JP exam requirement for individuals applying for initial PT or PTA licensure.**

The new **TX Jurisprudence Assessment Module (TX JAM)** developed in collaboration with the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) will be rolling out on June 1, 2017 and will be an **interactive on line learning assessment** that will evaluate knowledge of the **Texas Physical Therapy Practice Act and Rules** as well as the **basis for ethical decision-making** and physical therapy related **code of ethics and standards for ethical conduct.**

**The module combines and replaces both the current ethics/professional responsibility continuing competence (CC) renewal requirement and the jurisprudence exam that is part of the renewal process, and will be assigned 2 continuing competence units (CCUs).**

Prior to the June rollout, there will be several email campaigns and announcements on the website regarding the new requirement.

For more information, please go to <http://www.ptot.texas.gov/page/PT-JAM>.