

## Human Trafficking Prevention Training

The new renewal requirement of Human Trafficking Prevention Training was mandated by the Texas Legislature in 2019 with the Texas Human Trafficking Resource Center of the Health and Human Services (HHS) charged with the approval and online posting of courses that meet this requirement.

As required by law, the PT Board adopted amendments to the PT Rules to include the human trafficking prevention training as a renewal requirement which was effective September 1, 2020.

This renewal requirement pertains to the following PTs/PTAs:

- active licensees who are renewing their license either timely or late;
- individuals who are restoring their license;
- licensees on inactive status who are returning to active status; and
- licensees who are transitioning to retired status: performing voluntary charity care or renewing the status.

HHSC has now approved several courses with a list available at:

<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/safty/texas-human-trafficking-resource-center/health-care-practitioner-human-trafficking-training>.

Only courses approved by HHS qualify to meet the Human Trafficking Prevention Training renewal requirement. However, if you take a course on human trafficking that is approved for TX renewal through the Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) or is provided by a TX Accredited Provider, you can apply the CCUs toward your renewal requirement but it will not meet the Human Trafficking Prevention Training requirement.

Courses approved through HHS will not state that the course is approved for physical therapy CCU credit, and certificates of completion will not include an approval number for PTs/PTAs.

Step-by-step instructions for entering an HHS-approved course on the Continuing Competence Activity Summary, including the standard approval number, are available during the online renewal process.

The courses may not have the credit listed as CCUs. Equivalency is determined by 1 contact hour equals 1 CCU. The credit can be applied toward the total number of required CCUs for renewal.

Certificates for the training do NOT need to be submitted to the PT Board but should be maintained with the other documentation of CCUs in the event that you are audited or if the PT Board requests that you submit them for some other reason.