

**Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
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Topic: License Renewal – Who approves courses?**

The table below provides information on approval of continuing education/competence courses and activities for each jurisdiction.

Summary	
Number of jurisdictions requiring approval for CE courses and CC activities	29
Number of jurisdictions not requiring approval for CE courses and CC activities	10
Number of CE courses and CC activities approved by:	
Licensing board	19
State physical therapy association	10
Government agencies (local, state, federal)	4
Regionally accredited colleges and universities	4
APTA	6
AMA	3
Other	3

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			Licensing Board	State Physical Therapy Association	Government Agencies	Regionally Accredited Colleges and Universities	APTA	AMA	Other
AL	Yes	Licensing Board		✓	✓				
AK	Yes	Alaska state law outlines who can approve the courses under the section for renewal of license and continuing education under Article 3. The Board reviews certificates of audited licensees.	✓						
AZ	Yes	State or National Medical or Physical Therapy Association		✓		✓	✓	✓	
AR	No								
CA	Yes	Board through Regulations	✓						
CO									

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CT	Yes	Award of Continued Competence Units/ Continuing Education shall be in areas related to the individual's practice. The law does not specifically identify qualifying continuing education course work. Internet-based and distance learning opportunities are acceptable provided such coursework is related to the practice of physical therapy. The Department does not approve continuing education courses or pre-approve specific coursework for individual licensees, nor does the Department maintain a list of continuing education courses.							
DE	No Data Provided								
DC	Yes	D.C. Board of Physical Therapy - stated in the Municipal Regulations	✓			✓	✓		
FL	Yes	Statutes mandate courses be approved or sponsored by the Florida PT Association or American PT Association or courses given or sponsored by a CAPTE program. Florida PT Association approves individual providers and courses.		✓					
GA	No								
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ID	No								
IL	No Data Provided								

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IN									
IA	No								
KS	Yes	Practice Act		✓			✓		
KY	Yes	A joint committee of Association and one Board member.		✓					
LA	Yes	Licensing board	✓						
ME		No Data Provided							
MD	Yes	Board set the criteria in regulation	✓						
MA		No Data Provided							
MI		No Data Provided							
MN	Yes	Board	✓						
MS	Yes	Board	✓						
MO	Yes	Set by Board by rule.	✓	✓			✓	✓	
MT	No								
NE	No								
NV	Yes	The licensing Board with recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Continuing Education	✓						
NH	No								
NJ	Yes	Board	✓						
NM		No Data Provided							
NY	Yes	The State Board for Physical Therapy sets the requirements with the approval of the Board of Regents. The Board	✓		✓				

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		approves the providers and the providers are expected to offer courses that meet the criteria established by the Board.							
NC	Yes	NC Board of PT Examiners	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		(c) The following organizations are approved providers: (1) Any agency or board responsible for licensing individuals to practice physical therapy in the U.S. or Canada; (2) APTA, including any Sections, credentialed residencies and fellowships and its accrediting subsidiary; (3) State Chapters of APTA; (4) FSBPT and any accrediting subsidiary; (5) Any providers approved or accredited by the agencies or organizations listed in Subparagraphs (1) through (4) of this Paragraph; (6) Physical therapist and physical therapist assistant programs approved by an agency recognized by either the U.S. Department of Education or the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation; and (7) The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, North Carolina Division of Public Health and North Carolina Area Health Education Centers with regard to activities directly related to physical therapy.
ND	No								
OH	Yes	State association developed policy and procedure manual, which was ratified by the		✓					

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		Board. Board has a Memorandum of Understanding with the state association to review continuing education activities on behalf of the Board.							
OK	Yes	Licensing Board	✓						
OR	No								
PA	Yes	Licensing Board	✓						
RI	Yes	Criteria are set in law and the regs. A long list of approved education programs is noted in RI regs. If a course is not approved, the entity may seek approval from the board.	✓						
SC	Yes	Board along with regulation							The Board does not pre-approve courses. The regulation spells out what is acceptable by the Board.
SD		No Data Provided							
TN		No Data Provided							
TX	Yes	Board		✓					
UT	Yes	Licensing Division and Board	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
VT									
VI									
VA	Yes	Directly related to the clinical practice of physical therapy and approved or provided by one of the following organizations or any of its components: The Virginia Physical Therapy Association; The American Physical Therapy Association;							The Virginia Physical Therapy Association; The American Physical Therapy Association; Local, state or federal government agencies; Regionally accredited colleges and universities; Health care organizations accredited by the

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		Local, state or federal government agencies; Regionally accredited colleges and universities; Health care organizations accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO); The American Medical Association--Category I Continuing Medical Education course; and The National Athletic Trainers Association.							Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO); The American Medical Association--Category I Continuing Medical Education course; and The National Athletic Trainers Association.
WA	No								
WV	Yes	Courses sponsored "organized" by APTA, WVPTA, or CAPTE College/University are automatically approved and are not required to go through the approval process. All other CE's must go through the CE approval process.	✓						
WI	Yes	WI Physical Therapy Board	✓						
WY	Yes	Criteria listed in Board Rules and Regulations, Chapter 6, Section 2. If courses do not meet these criteria they must be submitted for review by the Education Committee of the Board.	✓						