

**Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
Jurisdiction Licensure Reference Guide
Topic: Taking the NPTE before Graduation**

Note that this information may change without notice. You should always check directly with your jurisdiction for a final answer.

This table provides information on whether states will allow PT and PTA students to take the NPTE prior to the graduation ceremony.

Summary: Number of jurisdictions that allow candidates to take the NPTE prior to the graduation ceremony	
Yes	26
No	19
Other	1
No data provided	8

State	Take NPTE before graduation?	Comments
AK	No	
AL	Yes	School must send certificate of education verifying completion of education.
AR	Yes	
AZ	Yes	
CA	No	
CO	No	
CT	Yes	School must verify that they have completed all academic requirements.
DC	Yes	Must submit transcript verifying completion of education and expected graduation date.
DE	PTAs - Yes PTs - No	PTAs - temporary licensure for 90 days under direct supervision
FL	Yes	School must verify that the student is in the final year and has completed the physical therapy program.
GA	No	
HI	Yes	School must verify that the student is in the final year and has completed the physical therapy program.
IA	Yes	Must complete all requirements to graduate.
ID	Yes	Allowed to test up to 90 days before graduation
IL	No Data Provided	
IN	No	
KS	Yes	Allowed to test during their last semester.

State	Take NPTE before graduation?	Comments
KY	No	
LA	Yes	Verification from the school of completion of PT/PTA program is required.
MA	No Data Provided	
MD	No	
ME	No Data Provided	
MI	Yes	
MN	Yes	School must send certificate of education verifying completion of education. Certificate not accepted earlier than two weeks before graduation.
MO	No	
MS	No	
MT	No	
NC	Yes	Program must certify that graduation is assured and advise the Board that the conferring of the degree is certain to occur. For details, contact Cindy Kiely, Licensing Manager at ckiely@ncptboard.org .
ND	Yes	
NE	No	
NH	Yes	Provide official transcript or letter from school with authenticated transcript stating degree not awarded until graduation ceremony.
NJ	No Data Provided	
NM	Yes	School must verify that student successfully completed all program requirements for graduation and the date that the degree will be conferred.
NV	No	
NY	Yes	School must verify that they have completed all academic requirements.
OH	Yes	Must complete all didactic requirements.
OK	No	
OR	No	
PA	No	
PR	No Data Provided	
RI	Yes	School must verify that the student is in the final year and has completed the physical therapy program.
SC	Yes	
SD	No Data Provided	

State	Take NPTE before graduation?	Comments
TN	Yes	School must provide letter verifying student has completed all didactic requirements and the graduation date.
TX	Yes	Must complete all didactic requirements.
UT	No	
VA	Yes	School must fill out a Form L to verify that the student is in the final year and has completed the physical therapy program.
VI	No Data Provided	
VT	No	
WA	No	
WI	No Data Provided	
WV	Yes	Allowed to test up to 90 days before graduation. School must provide a candidate letter before they are allowed to take the NPTE.
WY	No	