



# AK PT/OT Board - Continuing Competence/Education Mtg October 3, 2024 Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing  
10/3/2024 10:00 AMAKDT  
@ Juneau – Zoom

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## 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled Continuing Competence/Education committee meeting of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board was called to order at 10: 04 am on Thursday, October 3, 2024 and Roll Call was done by Valerie Phelps.

Present: Rebecca Dean and Valerie Phelps, committee members.

Staff present: Sheri Ryan, Licensing Examiner.

Guest present: Kristen Neville, Manager State Affairs, American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).

## 2. Review/Approve Agenda

Rebecca Dean moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Valerie Phelps seconded. Rebecca Dean amended her motion to add the board correspondence from 09-25-2024 to the agenda. Valerie Phelps seconded the amended motion. All in favor; none opposed. Motion to approve the amended agenda as discussed passes unanimously.

## 3. Approve 05-02-2024 Minutes

Rebecca Dean motioned to approved the committee meeting minutes from 05/02/2024 as submitted. Valerie Phelps seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

## 4. Public Comment

No public comment given.

## 5. Board Correspondence

Committee discussed 12 AAC 54.420 and 12 AAC 54.405 and previous board clarifications issued on preceptors supervising student interns. Staff to draft standard response for board approval consideration at October 24-25 board meeting.

## 6. Strategic Plan Assigned Goals

The committee prioritized the Strategic Plan goals assigned by the board to complete as follows:

1. Goal 3.B - Streamline PT Licensing - Remove transcript requirement for PT/PTA by Credentials
2. Goal 4.A - Review/Revise CE Requirements as needed (Utah discussion) + Goal 4.B - Develop additional CE Opportunities (attendance at board mtgs/serving on board = recruitment/retention goal)
3. Goal 2.B - Informed Consent
4. Jurisprudence Questionnaire Update
5. Goals 2.A - Update FAQs on PT/OT website

### A. Goal 3.B - Streamline PT Licensing - Transcript requirement

The committee discussed requirements in AS 08.84.030 (a)(1) + 12 AAC 54.030 + 12 AAC 54.100 and any required changes that may be needed. The regulations committee has already removed the transcript requirement in 12 AAC 54.100. The intent is to remove requirement for primary source transcript submission as applicant was approved by examination in another state that required that transcript and Alaska is approving by credentials. CAPTE accreditation established in 1977. Discussed application requirements by examination in other states that may not have "CAPTE-approved" but rather more dated language like "APTA approved" in statute as well as any applicants that may have graduated prior to 1977. Alaska states "by a national accreditation agency approved by the board". Need to discuss requirements of solution with Regulations Specialist.

### B. Goal 4.A - Review/Revise CE requirements as needed

Expand opportunities (ongoing project) through current regulatory projects by making recommendations to Board. Potential regulatory changes to what qualifies as "direct patient care" aka "to ensure the delivery of care." 12 AAC 54.420(c) + 12 AAC 54.715(c) - leadership courses, etc.

### C. Goal 4.B - develop additional CE opportunities

- Incentives to serve on task forces and as board members
- attend board meetings
- Teaching and preparation of course materials
- Preceptorship - supervision of students/interns

The committee discussed broadly the revision of CE requirements. OT has option of submitting active NBCOT COTA/OTR Certification in lieu of 24 contact hours of CE which includes a variety of options for earning CE. Current requirement is "contact hours". Brief discussion on moving to CEU versus PDU. CEU is the "gold standard" as it includes an assessment component per Kristen Neville with AOTA.

Contact hours normally “actual attendance tracking” only. Discussed Utah category methodology that combines continuing education and professional practice requirements -->[https://aptaut.org/ceu\\_requirements.php](https://aptaut.org/ceu_requirements.php).

Questions to research for next meeting:

1. What are the diverse options in education and development?
2. How many hours do we want to require?
3. Do we want to change from CEU to PDU, continuing competency,
  1. What is the advantage of one over the other
  2. Common language is continuing competency
  3. How do we convert one to the other?
  4. Kristen notes that CEU’s is the gold standard because they include an assessment
4. Consider keeping CE requirements same for PT/PTA and OT/OTA for standardization of regulations, renewal processing, and audits.

Committee to gather information from national associations (FSBPT and NBCOT) and random state research.

D. Jurisprudence Questionnaire update

Jurisprudence Questionnaire Update tabled to next committee meeting for discussion. Completion of SB74 - PT Compact Licensure regulations project needed to incorporate any necessary questions related to fingerprinting/background reports, compact licensure, etc.

E. Goal 2.B - Informed Consent

The work on Informed Consent continues at a national level in the FSBPT Informed Consent Task Force. Goal 2.B tabled for discussion until results of draft language and supporting documents are approved nationally and distributed.

F. Goal 2.A - Update FAQs on PT/OT website

Tabled to next meeting for discussion.

7. Next Steps

**Action Items:**

1. Staff to draft response for CEU Clarification - 09-25-2024 and add to agenda for board approval at October 24-25 board meeting.
2. Staff to post question in FSBPT CBA Listserv to gather data on state by state comparison of CEU requirements allowing multi-level fulfillment(board meeting attendance, serving on the board, etc.)

3. Staff to discuss Goal 3.B requirement of possible regulations project with Regulations Specialist to define "a national accreditation agency approved by the board" for AS 08.84.030(a)(1) in 12 AAC 54.030 and 12 AAC 54.100.
4. Valerie Phelps to research board requirements for CE in AZ, MN, WA, and WI
5. Rebecca Dean to research board requirements for CE in IN, NC, OH, and UT.
6. Rebecca Dean to send email to FSBPT for state by state CE comparison resource for PT.
7. Add tabled - Jurisprudence Questionnaire update to next committee meeting agenda.
8. Add tabled - Goal 2.B Informed Consent to next committee meeting agenda.
9. Add tabled – Goal 2.a – Update FAQs on PT/OT website to next committee meeting agenda.

8. Adjourn

The State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board Continuing Competence/Education Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:09 pm on Thursday, October 3, 2024. 2025 meeting scheduled for PHY Continuing Competence/Education Committee to be determined at October 24-25, 2024 PHY board meeting.