General Information for Applicants

A physical therapist assistant MUST have a current North Carolina license PRIOR to practicing in the State.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

An applicant seeking initial licensure or who fails to meet the requirements for military endorsement is required to pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) for physical therapist assistants.

The NPTE for physical therapist assistants is administered on fixed-dates throughout the year. To view information on examination dates and deadlines visit the FSBPT website, www.fsbpt.org/ForCandidatesAndLicensees/FixedDateTesting.

The passing level for the examination is 600 on a scale of 200 - 800. There is a fee to retake the examination. Examination applicants must also pay the current cost of the NPTE exam directly to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) at www.fsbpt.org.

EVALUATION OF EDUCATION / TRAINING OF MILITARY TRAINED PTA APPLICANTS

North Carolina General Statutes Section 93B-15.1 addresses licensure for individuals with military training. A portion of the statute is as follows:

| PART I. MILITARY SPOUSE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE
| SECTION 1. G.S. 93B-15.1 reads as rewritten:

§ 93B-15.1. Licensure for individuals with military training and experience; proficiency examination; licensure by endorsement for military spouses; temporary license.

(a) Except as provided by subsection (a2) of this section, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, an occupational licensing board, or State agency licensing board, as defined in G.S. 93B-1, shall issue a license, certification, or registration to a military-trained applicant to allow the applicant to lawfully practice the applicant's occupation in this State if, upon application to an occupational licensing board or State agency licensing board, the military-trained applicant satisfies the following conditions:

(1) Has been awarded a military occupational specialty and has done all of the following at a level that is substantially equivalent to or exceeds the requirements for licensure, certification, or registration of the occupational licensing board or State agency licensing board from which the applicant is seeking licensure, certification, or registration in this State: completed a military program of training, completed testing or equivalent training and experience, and performed in the occupational specialty.

To assure that the education / training is equivalent as required by 93B-15.1, the Board has determined that military trained physical therapist assistant applicants must have their education / training evaluated by a credentialing agency using the current Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy’s Coursework Tool for Physical Therapist Assistants. The credentialing agency that has been approved by the Board to administer this tool is the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy ("FCCPT") and the contact information is listed below.
The Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT)
511 Wythe Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Telephone 703/684-8406, Fax 703/684-8715
E-mail address: fccpt@fsbpt.org

- The results of the evaluation must be sent directly to the Board by FCCPT.

ALL APPLICANTS must submit or complete:

1. Application form with ALL sections completed.
2. Credentials evaluation performed by FCCPT (Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy) using the PTA Coursework Tool – 2007.
3. Two character references (other than relatives) who have known the applicant for at least one year. (While not required, the Board prefers to have at least one reference from a physical therapist or a health care professional with whom the applicant has been associated for at least one year.)
4. Jurisprudence Exercise 1 (www.ncptboard.org)
5. Attestation by employer documenting that applicant has been engaged in assisting in the active practice of physical therapy for at least two of the five years preceding the date of the application.