Associate Degree Physical Therapist Assistant (A45620)

A Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) is a health care provider working under the direction of a Physical Therapist. The PTA is involved in the treatment of individuals with muscular, skeletal, cardiopulmonary, and nervous system disorders. The PTA may also be involved in injury prevention or programs specifically targeted toward individual or group wellness. The PTA is able to provide physical therapy services as specified in a care plan developed by a Physical Therapist. Treatment program implementation may include therapeutic exercise, ambulation training, activities of daily living, and administration of physical agents such as heat and cold.

Graduates of Craven's PTA program are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) developed and administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. Successful completion of the NPTE is required to practice as a PTA in all 50 states and its territories. However, each state typically has its own requirements for licensing of health care professionals, which can make it difficult for PTAs to move to another state and obtain new licensure.

Why are students receiving this disclosure?

On November 1, 2019, the U.S. Department of Education published <u>Final Regulations</u> for accreditation and state authorization. The regulations address the role of reciprocity agreements, update the language regarding student location, clarify required state authorizations for distance education programs, and revise consumer disclosure requirements that become effective July 1, 2020. These final regulations, among other things:

- Make clear that an institution must identify the State in which a student is "located" and, therefore, the State in which the institution must have authorization.
- Expand consumer protections for students enrolled in programs that lead to occupational licensure, including those enrolled in seated courses or programs.
- Enable institutions to determine the States for which it will determine occupational licensing requirements, while requiring institutions to report that information accurately to students.

About the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC)

The Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC) creates a new way for physical therapists (PTs) and physical therapist assistants (PTAs) to practice or work in multiple states. To participate in the compact, states must opt in by adopting the Compact through legislation. PTs and PTAs in participating states have the option of obtaining a "compact privilege" to practice in another participating state if they meet certain criteria.

Currently 21 states have adopted the PTLC legislation and are issuing and accepting compact privileges:

Arizona	Montana	Oregon
Colorado	Nebraska	Tennessee
lowa	New Hampshire	Texas
Kentucky	New Jersey	Utah
Louisiana	North Carolina	Virginia
Mississippi	North Dakota	Washington
Missouri	Oklahoma	West Virginia

A number of states require the applicant also pass a Jurisprudence Examination to test the applicant's knowledge of relevant state laws and rules governing their profession in the state. Currently, Arizona, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, and Washington require a jurisprudence examination.

The Physical Therapy Compact Commission

The Commission is the administrative body overseeing the implementation of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact in states that choose to participate. Each participating state has a representative on the Commission who must be either a current member of the state's physical therapy licensing board (PT, PTA, or public member), or the licensing board administrator. The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) are also each provided a nonvoting representative on the Commission's Executive Board. The Commission administers the compact through its adopted rules and bylaws and operates the system through which member states share information about their licensees and through which licensees may purchase compact privileges.

Compact privileges are issued by the Commission to eligible PTs and PTAs in participating states who apply through ptcompact.org. The Commission also sets fees for compact privileges.

The PTLC Commission's Rules are available at: http://ptcompact.org/Portals/0/Images/PTCCRulesEffective20191027.pdf.

Do you plan to leave North Carolina?

The U.S. Department of Education's 2019 regulations require that all institutions of higher learning track the location of its students—not necessarily their permanent addresses or their state of residence. If you are considering relocating to another state before gaining licensure in North Carolina, we urge you to contact your advisor or the Dean of Health Programs to confirm licensure requirements in your destination state.

If you are considering relocating to a PTLC member state after gaining licensure in North Carolina, you are responsible for seeking compact privileges in one or more participating states.

Compact Privilege

A compact privilege is the authorization to work in a PTLC member state other than your home state. To qualify for a compact privilege, a PTA is required to have a license in their home state and meet other eligibility criteria, such as having no disciplinary action against any license for at least 2 years. When eligibility is verified and all fees are paid, the licensee receives the compact privilege and may begin legally working in the other "remote" state.

A compact privilege remains valid for the same period as the home state license and will be renewed on the same cycle as the home state license. For example, if a home state license is valid January 1, 2018—December 31, 2020, and a compact privilege is obtained in a different PTLC state on June 30, 2018, the compact privilege and home state license will both be valid until December 31, 2020. This also means that if the compact privilege is obtained on December 30, 2020, it is still only valid until the expiration of the home state license on December 31, 2020, and the compact privilege will need to be renewed at that time.

Home State

The Commission's rules define "home state" as "a person's true, fixed, and permanent home and is the place where the person intends to remain indefinitely, and to which the person expects to return if absent without intending to establish a new domicile elsewhere."

Remote State

A remote state is a state that is participating in the PTLC, other than the PT or PTA's home state, and where the PT or PTA wants to obtain a compact privilege.

Participation

PTs and PTAs who want a compact privilege in a participating state may apply to the Commission through the Commission's website. Eligible individuals can choose to obtain a compact privilege in as many states as are participating in the compact. Please note that the Commission imposes a fee for state compact privilege and each participating state may choose to impose its own fee, separate from the Commission's fee. For information on fees, jurisprudence testing and other requirements of existing PTLC Compact States, please see http://ptcompact.org/Compact-Privilege-Fee-Jurisprudence-and-Waiver-Table

Requirements for Participation

To obtain a compact privilege, a PT or PTA must:

- Hold a valid, current, unrestricted license in the home state (state of primary residence);
- Be free of any disciplinary action against a license or compact privilege for two years;
- Meet any jurisprudence requirements of the remote state; and
- Apply to the Commission for a compact privilege in a remote state and pay required fees.

Please note that even if eligibility criteria are not met, a PT or PTA may still be able to practice or work in a PTLC state. The PTLC gives eligible PTs and PTAs the option of obtaining a compact privilege to practice or work in participating states, instead of going through a state's traditional licensure process when they already have a license in their state of primary residence. Individuals who do not meet the criteria for a compact privilege may still be eligible for a license in their PTLC-participating home state if they meet criteria for licensure in that state. Applications for licensure will continue to be managed and processed by individual states, not by the Compact Commission. Individuals who are eligible for a compact privilege may also choose instead to get a license in any state if they meet the criteria for licensure.

Maintaining Continuing Education/Competence Requirements

Individuals with compact privileges will not need to meet the specific continuing education/competence requirements in states where they hold those compact privileges. Rather, the licensee will only have to meet any continuing education/competence required for licensure renewal of the home state license.

Regulations that Govern the PTLC

Rules of practice and scope of practice are determined by the state where the physical therapy service is delivered, just as they are now. If a PT or PTA delivers physical therapy in a remote state under a compact privilege, the rules of practice in the remote state apply. In the case of telehealth, the point of service delivery is generally determined by the physical location of the patient.

Helpful Links

<u>Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Interstate Licensure Compact Resource Webpage FSBPT</u> Frequently Asked Questions

Non PTLC Member States

The following states are currently not members of the PTLC and have no enabling legislation pending:

Alabama Idaho New York
Alaska Illinois Puerto Rico
California Indiana US Virgin Islands

Connecticut Maine Vermont Florida Minnesota Wyoming

Hawaii Nevada Kansas New Mexico

The following states have enacted PTLC enabling legislation but are not yet issuing or accepting compact privileges:

Delaware New Jersey South Dakota Georgia South Carolina Wisconsin

The following states are not participating members of the PTLC, but have introduced enabling legislation:

Massachusetts Ohio Rhode Island Michigan Pennsylvania Washington, DC

On the following page is a list of state contacts governing the practice of physical therapy, as well as links to each state's practice act/regulations.

State Boards of Physical Therapy Assistant Contacts

Alabama No PTLC Legislation introduced.

Alabama Board of Physical Therapy 100 North Union Street, Suite 724 Montgomery, AL 36130-5040

Website: http://www.pt.alabama.gov/licensing.aspx

Email: info@pt.alabama.gov Phone: (334) 242-4064

Practice Act: http://pt.alabama.gov/pdf/PRACTICEACTzv2.pdf; http://www.pt.alabama.gov/rules.aspx

Alaska No PTLC Legislation introduced.

State Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Board

PO Box 110806

Juneau, AK 99811-0806

Website:

https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/PhysicalTherapyOccupationalTherapy.aspx

Email: connie.petz@alaska.gov

Phone: (907) 465-2580

Practice Act: https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/PT-OTStatutes.pdf

California No PTLC Legislation introduced.

Physical Therapy Board of California 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1350

Sacramento, CA 95815

Website: https://www.ptbc.ca.gov/

Email: pt@dca.ca.gov Phone: (916) 561-8200

Practice Act:

https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California/CaliforniaCodeofRegulations?guid=I740E3920D48D11DEBC02831C6D6C108E&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=Default&contextData=(sc.Default)

Connecticut No PTLC Legislation introduced.

Department of Public Health

Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification

410 Capitol Ave., MS #12 APP

Hartford CT 06134

Website: https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Physicaltherapist/Physical-Therapist-

<u>Licensure</u>

Email: oplc.dph@ct.gov Phone: (860) 509-7603

Practice Act: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-

Agencies/DPH/dph/practitioner licensing and investigations/plis/physicaltherapist/ptstatspdf.pdf

Delaware has enacted PTLC enabling legislation but is not accepting compact privileges.

Division of Professional Regulation

Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers

Cannon Building, Suite 203

861 Silver Lake Blvd.

Dover, DE 19904

Website: https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/physicaltherapy/

Email: customerservice.dpr@state.de.us

Phone: (302) 744-4500

Practice Act: https://delcode.delaware.gov/title24/c026/index.shtml; https://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title24/2600.shtml

District of Columbia

D.C. Board of Physical Therapy Department of Health PO Box 37802 Washington, DC 20013

Website: https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/159402

Email: alma.white@dc.gov Phone: (202) 724-7325 (877) 672-2174

PTLC Legislation Introduced.

Practice Act:

 $\frac{https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/publication/attachments/PTA\%20Regs\%2010-4-2019.pdf$

Florida

Department of Health Board of Physical Therapy 4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-05 Tallahassee, FL 32399-3255

Website: https://floridasphysicaltherapy.gov/

Email: health@flhealth.gov

Phone: (850) 245-4373/850-488-0595

No PTLC Legislation introduced.

Practice Act:

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?mode=View%20Statutes&SubMenu=1&App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=physical+therapy+assistant+practice&URL=0400-0499/0468/Sections/0468.203.html and https://floridasphysicaltherapy.gov/licensing/u-s-trained-physical-therapist-assistant-by-examination/#tab-statutes-rules

Georgia

Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy Department of State 214 State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334

Website: https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/39

Email: plb-healthcare2@sos.ga.gov

Phone: (844) 753-7825

Georgia has enacted PTLC enabling legislation but is not yet issuing or accepting compact privileges.

Practice Act: https://sos.ga.gov/plb/acrobat/Laws/15 Physical Therapists Act 43-33 July 8 2019.pdf and http://rules.sos.ga.gov/gac/490?urlRedirected=yes&data=admin&lookingfor=490

Hawaii

Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs Professional & Vocational Licensing Division Board of Physical Therapy King Kalakaua Building 355 Merchant Street, Room 301 Honolulu, HI 96813

Website: http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/physicaltherapy/

Email: phys_therapy@dcca.hawaii.gov

Phone: (808) 586-2701

No PTLC Legislation introduced.

Practice Act: https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/files/2013/08/hrs_461J-1-17.pdf and

http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/files/2013/08/HAR 110c.pdf

Idaho

Physical Therapy Licensure Board Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses 700 West State Street, PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0063

Website: https://ibol.idaho.gov/IBOL/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=PHT

Email: pht@ibol.idaho.gov Phone: (208) 334-3233

No PTLC Legislation introduced.

Practice Act: https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title54/T54CH22/SECT54-2210/ and https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/24/241301.pdf

Illinois

Department of Financial and Professional Regulation 100 West Randolph, 9th Floor Chicago, IL 60601

Website: https://www.idfpr.com/profs/pt.asp

Email:

Phone: (888) 473-4858

No PTLC Legislation introduced.

Practice Act:

https://ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1319&ChapAct=225%26nbsp%3BILCS%26nbsp%3B90%2F&Chap and https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/06801340sections.html

Indiana

Indiana Professional Licensing Agency **Physical Therapy Committee** 402 W. Washington Street, Rm. W072 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Website: https://www.in.gov/pla/pt.htm

Email: pla14@pla.in.gov Phone: 317-234-8800

No PTLC Legislation introduced.

Practice Act: https://www.in.gov/pla/2581.htm

Kansas

Kansas State Board of Healing Arts 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level, Suite A

Topeka, KS 66612

Website: http://www.ksbha.org/professions/PTA.shtml

Email: KSBHA licensing@ks.gov

Phone: 785-296-7413

No PTLC Legislation introduced.

Practice Act: http://www.ksbha.org/documents/publications/PracticeHandbook PTPTA.pdf and https://casetext.com/regulation/kansas-administrative-code/agency-100-kansas-state-board-of-healingarts/article-29-physical-therapy

Maine

Maine Department of Professional and Financial Regulation Regulatory Licensing and Permitting Division 35 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333

Website: https://www.maine.gov/pfr/ Email: physicalthrpy.lic@maine.gov

Phone: (207) 624-8603

PTLC Legislation has not been introduced.

Practice Act: https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/32/title32ch45-A.pdf

Maryland

Department of Health **Board of Physical Therapy Examiners** 201 West Preston Street

Baltimore, MC 21201-2399

Website: https://health.maryland.gov/bphte/Pages/index.aspx

Email: Laurie.Kendall-Ellis@maryland.gov

Phone: (410) 764-4752

Maryland has enacted PTLC enabling legislation but is not yet issuing or accepting compact privileges.

Practice Act: https://health.maryland.gov/bphte/Pages/regs.aspx and

https://health.maryland.gov/bphte/Pages/comar.aspx

Massachusetts

Board of Allied Health Professionals 1000 Washington Street

Suite 710

Boston, MA 02118

Website: https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-allied-health-professionals

Email: alliedhealth@mass.gov

Phone: 617-701-8605

PTLC Legislation Introduced.

Practice Act: https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXVI/Chapter112/Section23A

Michigan

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Bureau of Professional Licensing Michigan Board of Physical Therapy

PO Box 30670 Lansing, MI 48909

Website: https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334 72600 72603 27529 27549---,00.htmls

Email: BCHS-Help@michigan.gov

Phone: (517) 335-0918

PTLC Legislation Introduced.

Practice Act:

http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(hksikeufelfu1wed4ogvwjwb))/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=mcl-368-1978-15-178

Minnesota

Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy 2829 University Avenue, SE Suite 420

Minneapolis, MN 55414-3246

Website: https://mn.gov/boards/physical-therapy/license/

Email: physical.therapy@state.mn.us

Phone: (612) 627-5406

PTLC Legislation has not been introduced.

Practice Act: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/148 and https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/5601/

Nevada

Nevada Physical Therapy Board 3291 North Buffalo Drive Ste. 100 Las Vegas, NV 89129

Website: http://ptboard.nv.gov/

Email: ptapplication@govmail.state.nv.us

Phone: 702-876-5535

PTLC Legislation has not been introduced.

Practice Act: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-640.html

New Mexico

New Mexico Physical Therapy Board Toney Anaya Building 2550 Cerrillos Road, Second Floor PO Box 25101

Santa Fe, NM 87504

Website: http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Physical_Therapy.aspx

Email: physical.therapy@state.nm.us

Phone: (505) 476-4622

PTLC Legislation has not been introduced.

Practice Act: http://164.64.110.134/nmac/T01C024 and

http://www.rld.state.nm.us/uploads/files/Physical%20Therapy%20Statute%20and%20Rules.pdf

New York

NYS Education Department
Office of the Professions
Division of Professional Licensing Services
Physical Therapy Unit
89 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12234-1000.

Or

PO Box 22063

Albany, New York 12201

Website: http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pt/ and http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pt/ptlic.htm

Email: PTBD@mail.nysed.gov Phone: (518) 474-3817 x180

PTLC Legislation has not been introduced.

Practice Act: http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pt/part77.htm and http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pt/sect52-43.htm

Ohio

Ohio Occupational Therapy, PT & Athletic Trainers Board 77 South High Street, 16th Floor

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Website: http://otptat.ohio.gov Email: Board@otptat.ohio.gov

Phone: 614-466-3774

PTLC Legislation Introduced.

Practice Act: http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4755 and http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4755 and https://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4755 and https://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4755 and https://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4755

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania State Board of Physical Therapy State Board of Physical Therapy One Penn Center 2601 N. 3rd Street Harrisburg, PA 17110

Or

P.O. Box 2649

Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Website:

https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/PhysicalTherapy/Pages/default.aspx#.Vv

Phone: (717) 783-7134 Email: ST-PHYSICAL@PA.GOV

PTLC Legislation Introduced.

Practice Act:

https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/PhysicalTherapy/Documents/Applications% 20and%20Forms/Non-Application%20Documents/PTM%20-%20Physical%20Therapy%20Practice%20Act.pdf

http://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/049/chapter40/chap40toc.html &d=reduce

Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico Office of Regulation and Certification of Health Professionals

Norte Medical Center

Bo. Monacillos Rio Piedras, PR

Website: http://www.salud.gov.pr/Pages/Home.aspx
Email: contactus@salud.pr.gov or bvillegas@salud.pr.gov

Phone: 787-765-2929

PTLC Legislation has not been introduced.

Practice Act: https://casetext.com/statute/laws-of-puerto-rico/title-twenty-examining-boards-and-professional-colleges/chapter-12-physiotherapists/245-license-application

Rhode Island

Rhode Island Dept. of Health

3 Capitol Hill

Providence, RI 02908

Website: https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=236

Email: Alana.rodriguez@health.ri.gov

Phone: (401) 222-1392

PTLC Legislation Introduced.

Practice Act: https://risos-apa-production-public.s3.amazonaws.com/DOH/4833.pdf

South Carolina

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

Board of Physical Therapy 110 Centerview Drive Columbia, SC 29210

Website: https://llr.sc.gov/ Email: contact.PT@llr.sc.gov

Phone: 803-896-4300

South Carolina has enacted PTLC legislation but is not yet issuing or accepting compact privileges.

Practice Act: http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t40c045.php and https://www.scstatehouse.gov/coderegs/Chapter%20101.pdf

South Dakota

SD State Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners

101 N. Main Avenue, Suite 301

Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Website: http://www.sdbmoe.gov/

Email: sdbmoe@state.sd.us Phone: (605) 367-7781

South Dakota has enacted PTLC enabling legislation but is not yet issuing or accepting compact privileges.

Practice Act: https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified Laws/DisplayStatute.aspx?Type=Statute&Statute=36-10

Vermont

Department of State Office of Professional Regulation 89 Main Street, 3rd Floor Montpelier, VT 05620-3402 Physical Therapy Advisors

Website: https://sos.vermont.gov/ Email: judith.roy@vermont.gov

Phone: 802-828-3228

PTLC Legislation has not been introduced.

Practice Act: https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/fullchapter/26/038 and https://advance.lexis.com/documentpage/?pdmfid=1000516&crid=3a05310e-e20a-49f5-88a8-0794b445200a&nodeid=AADAAEABKAAB&nodepath=%2FROOT%2FAAD%2FAADAAE%2FAADAAEABK%2FAADA AEABKAAB&level=4&haschildren=&populated=false&title=04+030+240.+ADMINISTRATIVE+RULES+FOR+PHYSIC AL+THERAPISTS&config=00JAA3YmlxY2M5OC0zYmJjLTQ4ZjMtYjY3Yi02ODZhMTViYWUzMmEKAFBvZENhdGFsb2 dfKuGXoJFNHKuKZG9Oqaal&pddocfullpath=%2Fshared%2Fdocument%2Fadministrative-codes%2Furn%3AcontentItem%3A5WS0-FPD1-FGRY-B0G4-00008-00&ecomp=d38_kkk&prid=2bf2e15d-bb02-4184-b39c-6a312fd2efcc

Virgin Islands

Department of Health Board of Physical Therapy 3500 Estate Richmond Christiansted, VI 00820-4370 Website: https://doh.vi.gov/

Email: deborah.richardson-peter@doh.vi.gov Phone: 340-718-1311 ext. 3647 or 3849

PTLC Legislation has not been introduced.

Practice Act: https://www.fsbpt.org/Portals/0/documents/VI_PTLaw2015.pdf

Wisconsin

WI Department of Safety & Professional Services Physical Therapy Examining Board PO Box 8366

Madison, WI 53708-8366

Website: https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/Professions/PT/Default.aspx

Email: <u>dsps@wi.gov</u> Phone: (608) 266-2112

Wisconsin has enacted PTLC Legislation but is not yet issuing or accepting compact privileges.

Practice Act: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/448.pdf/ and

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin code/pt/1.pdf

Wyoming

Wyoming Board of Physical Therapy 2001 Capitol Avenue, Room 105 Cheyenne, WY 82002

Website: https://physicaltherapy.wyo.gov/

Email: carla.fleming@wyo.gov

Phone: (307) 777-5403

No PTLC Legislation introduced.

Practice Act: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vZYB0o1uzvKxVURHkuFa5vcChfG-L6L2/view and https://physicaltherapy.wyo.gov/rules.