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Alabama	PHYSICAL THERAPY. The treatment of a human being by the use of exercise, massage, heat, cold, water, radiant energy, electricity, or sound for the purpose of correcting or alleviating any physical or mental condition or preventing the development of any physical or mental disability, or the performance of neuromuscular-skeletal tests and measurements to determine the existence and extent of body malfunction; provided, that physical therapy shall be practiced only upon the referral of a physician licensed to practice medicine or surgery, a dentist licensed to practice dentistry, a licensed chiropractor, a licensed assistant to a physician acting pursuant to a valid supervisory agreement, or a licensed certified registered nurse practitioner in a collaborative practice agreement with a licensed physician, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. Physical therapy does not include radiology or electrotherapy.	CAPTE approved program in PT, foreign educated therapist must complete an FCCPT evaluation	NPTE and AL Jurisprudence Exam	Compact Status: Session Closed w/o Passage	http://www.pt.alabama.gov/
Alaska	"physical therapist" means a person who practices physical therapy; "physical therapy" means the examination, treatment and instruction of human beings to detect, assess, prevent, correct, alleviate and limit physical disability, bodily malfunction, pain from injury, disease and other bodily or mental conditions and includes the administration, interpretation and evaluation of tests and measurements of bodily functions and structures; the planning, administration, evaluation and modification of treatment and instruction, including the use of physical measures, activities and devices for preventive and therapeutic purposes; the provision of consultative, educational and other advisory services for the purpose of reducing the incidence and severity of physical disability, bodily malfunction and pain; "physical therapy" does not include the use of roentgen rays and radioactive materials for diagnosis and therapeutic purposes, the use of electricity for surgical purposes, and the diagnosis of disease.	Graduated from a school of physical therapy approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association, or the American Physical Therapy Association. Foreign graduates must provide documentation of completion of an internship under the continuous direction and immediate supervision of a physical therapist in an institution that ordinarily provides physical therapy and is approved by the board, for that period of time specified by the board	NPTE	Compact Status: Not yet considered	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/Professionallicensing/PhysicalTherapyOccupationalTherapy.aspx
Arizona	"Practice of physical therapy" means: (a) Examining, evaluating and testing persons who have mechanical, physiological and developmental impairments, functional limitations and disabilities or other health and movement related conditions in order to determine a diagnosis, a prognosis and a plan of therapeutic intervention and to assess the ongoing effects of intervention. (b) Alleviating impairments and functional limitations by managing, designing, implementing and modifying therapeutic interventions including: (i) Therapeutic exercise. (ii) Functional training in self-care and in home, community or work reintegration. (iii) Manual therapy techniques. (iv) Therapeutic massage. (v) Assistive and adaptive orthotic, prosthetic, protective and supportive devices and equipment. (vi) Pulmonary hygiene. (vii) Debridement and wound care. (viii) Physical agents or modalities. (ix) Mechanical and electrotherapeutic modalities. (x) Patient related instruction. (c) Reducing the risk of injury, impairments, functional limitations and disability by means that include promoting and maintaining a person's fitness, health and quality of life. (d) Engaging in administration, consultation, education and research.	Graduate from a program in PT that is accredited by: a. The Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education, or b. An agency recognized as qualified to accredit physical therapist or physical therapist assistant programs by either the U.S. Department of Education or the Council on Higher Education Accreditation at the time of the applicant's graduation	NPTE and AZ Law and Rule	Compact Status: Enacted	https://ptboard.az.gov/
Arkansas	"Practice of physical therapy" means: (A) Examining and evaluating patients with mechanical, physiological, and developmental impairments, functional limitations, and disability or other health-related conditions in order to determine a physical therapy diagnosis, prognosis, and planned therapeutic intervention; (B)(i) Alleviating impairments and functional limitations by designing, implementing, and modifying therapeutic interventions that include: (a) Therapeutic exercise; (b) Functional training in self-care as it relates to patient mobility and community access; (c) Manual therapy techniques, including soft tissue massage, manual traction, connective tissue massage, therapeutic massage, and mobilization, i.e., passive movement accomplished within normal range of motion of the joint, but excluding spinal manipulation and adjustment; (d) Assistive and adaptive devices and equipment as they relate to patient mobility and community access; (e) Physical agents; (f) Mechanical and electrotherapeutic modalities; and (g) Patient-related instruction; (ii) The therapeutic intervention of bronchopulmonary hygiene and debridement of wounds require a physician referral before initiation of treatment. (ii) Physical therapy does not include radiology or electrotherapy; (C) Preventing injury, impairments, functional limitations, and disability, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health, and quality of life in all age populations; and (D) Engaging in consultation, testing, education, and research;	Graduation from a nationally accredited PT program approved by the board or a foreign program found to be equivalent by FCCPT, International Consultants of DE, or International Education Research Foundation.	NPTE and AR Jurisprudence Exam	Compact Status: Enacted	http://www.arptb.org/
California	(a) Physical therapy means the art and science of physical or corrective rehabilitation or of physical or corrective treatment of any bodily or mental condition of any person by the use of the physical, chemical, and other properties of heat, light, water, electricity, sound, massage, and active, passive, and resistive exercise, and shall include physical therapy evaluation, treatment planning, instruction and consultative services. The practice of physical therapy includes the promotion and maintenance of physical fitness to enhance the bodily movement related health and wellness of individuals through the use of physical therapy interventions. The use of roentgen rays and radioactive materials, for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes, and the use of electricity for surgical purposes, including cauterization, are not authorized under the term "physical therapy" as used in this chapter, and a license issued pursuant to this chapter does not authorize the diagnosis of disease. (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict or prohibit other healing arts practitioners licensed or registered under this division from practice within the scope of their license or registration.	Completion of an CAPTE program, or if foreign education: evaluation demonstrating equivalency completed by IERF, FCCPT, or ICD and 9 mo of clinical service after passing the NPTE	NPTE and CA Law Exam (CLE)	Compact Status: Session Closed w/o Passage	https://www.ptbc.ca.gov/

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Colorado	<p>(6) (a) (i) "Physical therapy" means the examination, physical therapy diagnosis, treatment, or instruction of patients and clients to detect, assess, prevent, correct, alleviate, or limit physical disability, movement dysfunction, bodily malfunction, or pain from injury, disease, and other bodily conditions. (ii) For purposes of this article 285, "physical therapy" includes:</p> <p>(A) The administration, evaluation, and interpretation of tests and measurements of bodily functions and structures;</p> <p>(B) The planning, administration, evaluation, and modification of treatment and instruction;</p> <p>(C) The use of physical agents, measures, activities, and devices for preventive and therapeutic purposes, subject to the requirements of section 12-285-116;</p> <p>(D) The administration of topical and aerosol medications consistent with the scope of physical therapy practice subject to the requirements of section 12-285-116;</p> <p>(E) The provision of consultative, educational, and other advisory services for the purpose of reducing the incidence and severity of physical disability, movement dysfunction, bodily malfunction, and pain; and</p> <p>(F) General wound care, including the assessment and management of skin lesions, surgical incisions, open wounds, and areas of potential skin breakdown in order to maintain or restore the integumentary system.</p> <p>(b) For the purposes of subsection (6)(a)(ii) of this section:</p> <p>(i) "Physical agents" includes, but is not limited to, heat, cold, water, air, sound, light, compression, electricity, and electromagnetic energy.</p> <p>(ii) (A) "Physical measures, activities, and devices" includes resistive, active, and passive exercise, with or without devices; joint mobilization; mechanical stimulation; biofeedback; dry needling; postural drainage; traction; positioning; massage; splinting; training in locomotion; other functional activities, with or without assistive devices; and correction of posture, body mechanics, and gait.</p> <p>(B) "Biofeedback", as used in this subsection (6)(b)(ii), means the use of monitoring instruments by a physical therapist to detect and amplify internal physiological processes for the purpose of neuromuscular rehabilitation.</p> <p>(iii) "Tests and measurements" includes, but is not limited to, tests of muscle strength, force, endurance, and tone; reflexes and automatic reactions; movement skill and accuracy; joint motion, mobility, and stability; sensation and perception; peripheral nerve integrity; locomotor skill, stability, and endurance; activities of daily living; cardiac, pulmonary, and vascular functions; fit, function, and comfort of prosthetic, orthotic, and other assistive devices; posture and body mechanics; limb length, circumference, and volume; thoracic excursion and breathing patterns; vital signs, nature and locus of pain and conditions under which pain varies; photosensitivity; and physical home and work environments."</p>	Completion of an CAPTE program. Non approved programs must be deemed substantially equivalent by the board.	NPTE	Compact Status: Enacted	https://dpo.colorado.gov/PhysicalTherapy
Connecticut	<p>(1) "Physical therapist" means a person licensed to practice physical therapy in this state;</p> <p>(2) "Physical therapy" means the evaluation and treatment of any person by the employment of the effective properties of physical measures, the performance of tests and measurements as an aid to evaluation of function and the use of therapeutic exercises and rehabilitative procedures, with or without assistive devices, for the purpose of preventing, correcting or alleviating a physical or mental disability.</p> <p>"Physical therapy" includes the establishment and modification of physical therapy programs, treatment planning, instruction, wellness care, peer review, [and] consultative services and the use of low-level light laser therapy for the purpose of accelerating tissue repair, decreasing edema or minimizing or eliminating pain, but does not include surgery, the prescribing of drugs, the development of a medical diagnosis of disease, injury or illness, the use of cauterization or the use of Roentgen rays or radium for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes. As used in this section, "low-level light laser therapy" means low-level light therapy having wave lengths that range from six hundred to one thousand nanometers.</p> <p>(3) "Physical therapist assistant" means a person licensed to assist in the practice of physical therapy in this state under the supervision of a physical therapist. For purposes of this subdivision and subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 20-73, "supervision" means the overseeing of or the participation in the work of a physical therapist assistant by a licensed physical therapist, including, but not limited to: (A) Continuous availability of direct communication between the physical therapist assistant and a licensed physical therapist; (B) availability of a licensed physical therapist on a regularly scheduled basis to (i) review the practice of the physical therapist assistant, and (ii) support the physical therapist assistant in the performance of the physical therapist assistant's services; and (C) a predetermined plan for emergency situations, including the designation of an alternate licensed physical therapist in the absence of the regular licensed physical therapist.</p>	Completion of an APTA program. Foreign Grads must be credentialed through FCCPT.	NPTE	Compact Status: Not yet considered	https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Physicaltherapist/Physical-Therapist-Licensure
Delaware	<p>Physical therapist" means a person who is licensed to practice physical therapy. "Physical therapist" and such words as "physiotherapist" are equivalent terms, and reference to any 1 of them in this chapter or otherwise shall include the others.</p> <p>a. "Practice of physical therapy" means:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Examining, evaluating, and testing patients/clients who have impairments of body structure or function, activity limitations or participation restrictions in physical movement and mobility, or other health and movement related conditions in order to determine a physical therapy diagnosis, prognosis, and plan of treatment intervention, and to assess the ongoing effects of intervention; and Alleviating impairments of body structure or function, activity limitations or participation restrictions in physical movement and mobility by designing, implementing, and modifying treatment interventions that may include: therapeutic exercise, functional training related to physical movement and mobility in self-care and in home, community, or work integration or reintegration; gait and balance training; neurological re-education; vestibular training; manual, mechanical, and manipulative therapy, including soft tissue, musculoskeletal manipulation, and joint mobilization/manipulation; dry needling; therapeutic massage; the prescription, application, and, as appropriate, fabrication of assistive, adaptive, orthotic, prosthetic protective and supportive devices and equipment; airway clearance techniques; integumentary protection and repair techniques; nonsurgical debridement and wound care; evaluative and therapeutic physical agents or modalities; mechanical and electrotherapeutic modalities; and patient related instruction; and Reducing the risk of impairments of body structure or function, activity limitations or participation restrictions in physical movement and mobility, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health, and wellness in populations of all ages; and Engaging in administration, consultation, education, telehealth, and research. <p>b. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit the practice of physical therapy by physical therapists as is currently being practiced or determined by the Board so long as such practice does not include surgery or the medical diagnosis of disease. Advanced services may require advanced training, as determined by the Board's rules and regulations, to assure the licensee meets the accepted standard of care.</p>	Completion of an CAPTE program, or if foreign education, evaluation demonstrating equivalent completed by IERF, FCCPT, or ICD. Both require current CPR certification.	NPTE	Compact Status: Enacted	https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/physicaltherapy/

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Florida	<p>"Practice of physical therapy" means the performance of physical therapy assessments and the treatment of any disability, injury, disease, or other health condition of human beings, or the prevention of such disability, injury, disease, or other condition of health, and rehabilitation as related thereto by the use of the physical, chemical, and other properties of air, electricity, exercise, massage, the performance of acupuncture only upon compliance with the criteria set forth by the Board of Medicine, when no penetration of the skin occurs; the use of radiant energy, including ultraviolet, visible, and infrared rays; ultrasound; water; the use of apparatus and equipment in the application of the foregoing or related thereto; the performance of tests of neuromuscular functions as an aid to the diagnosis or treatment of any human condition, or the performance of electromyography as an aid to the diagnosis of any human condition only upon compliance with the criteria set forth by the Board of Medicine.</p> <p>(a) A physical therapist may implement a plan of treatment developed by the physical therapist for a patient or provided for a patient by a practitioner of record or by an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under s. 464.012. The physical therapist shall refer the patient to or consult with a practitioner of record if the patient's condition is found to be outside the scope of physical therapy. If physical therapy treatment for a patient is required beyond 30 days for a condition not previously assessed by a practitioner of record, the physical therapist shall have a practitioner of record review and sign the plan. The requirement that a physical therapist have a practitioner of record review and sign a plan of treatment does not apply when a patient has been physically examined by a physician licensed in another state, the patient has been diagnosed by the physician as having a condition for which physical therapy is required, and the physical therapist is treating the condition. For purposes of this paragraph, a health care practitioner licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, or chapter 466 and engaged in active practice is eligible to serve as a practitioner of record.</p> <p>(b) The use of roentgen rays and radium for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes and the use of electricity for surgical purposes, including cauterization, are not "physical therapy" for purposes of this chapter.</p> <p>(c) The practice of physical therapy does not authorize a physical therapy practitioner to practice chiropractic medicine as defined in chapter 460, including specific spinal manipulation. For the performance of specific chiropractic spinal manipulation, a physical therapist shall refer the patient to a health care practitioner licensed under chapter 460.</p> <p>(d) This subsection does not authorize a physical therapist to implement a plan of treatment for a patient currently being treated in a facility licensed pursuant to chapter 395.</p>	Completion of an CAPTE program. Foreign programs must be deemed substantially equivalent by the board.	NPTE	Compact Status: Not yet considered	https://floridaphysicaltherapy.gov/
Georgia	<p>"Physical therapist" means a person licensed to practice physical therapy as defined in this article and whose license is in good standing.</p> <p>"Physical therapy" means the care and services provided by or under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist who is licensed pursuant to this article. The term "physiotherapist" shall be synonymous with "physical therapy" pursuant to this article. The practice of physical therapy means:</p> <p>(A) Examining, evaluating, and testing patients and clients with mechanical, physiological, and developmental impairments, activity limitations, participation restrictions, and disabilities or other movement related conditions in order to determine a physical therapy diagnosis, prognosis, and plan of intervention and to assess the ongoing effects of intervention;</p> <p>(B) Alleviating impairments of body structure or function by designing, implementing, and modifying interventions to improve activity limitations or participation restrictions for the purpose of preventing or reducing the incidence and severity of physical disability, bodily malfunction, and pain;</p> <p>(C) Reducing the risk of injury, impairment, activity limitations, participation restrictions, and disability, including the promotion and maintenance of health, fitness, and wellness in populations of all ages;</p> <p>(D) Planning, administering, evaluating, and modifying intervention and instruction, including the use of physical measures, activities, and devices, including but not limited to dry needling for preventative and therapeutic purposes; and</p> <p>(E) Engaging in administration, consultation, education, teaching, research, telehealth, and the provision of instructional, consultative, educational, and other advisory services.</p>	Completion of an CAPTE program. Foreign programs must be deemed substantially equivalent by the board.	NPTE	Compact Status: Enacted	https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/39
Hawaii	<p>"Physical therapist" means a person who is licensed to practice physical therapy in this State. "Physical therapy" or "physical therapy services" means the examination, treatment, and instruction of human beings to detect, assess, prevent, correct, alleviate, and limit physical disability, bodily malfunction, pain from injury, disease, and any other physical or mental condition as performed by a physical therapist appropriately licensed under this chapter. It includes but is not limited to:</p> <p>(1) Administration, evaluation, modification of treatment, and instruction involving the use of physical measures, activities, and devices, for preventive and therapeutic purposes; provided that should the care or treatment given by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant contravene treatment diagnosed or prescribed by a medical doctor, osteopath, or as determined by the board, the physical therapist shall confer with the professional regarding the manner or course of treatment in conflict and take appropriate action in the best interest of the patient; and</p> <p>(2) The provision of consultative, educational, and other advisory services for the purpose of reducing the incidence and severity of physical disability, bodily malfunction, or pain.</p> <p>"Practice of physical therapy" includes, but is not limited to, the use of the following:</p> <p>(1) Physical agents, such as heat, cold, water, air, sound, compression, light, electricity, and electromagnetic radiation;</p> <p>(2) Exercise with or without devices, joint mobilization, mechanical stimulation; biofeedback; postural drainage; traction; positioning; massage; splinting; training in locomotion, and other functional activities with or without assisting devices; and correction of posture, body mechanics, and gait;</p> <p>(3) Tests and measurements of: muscle strength, force, endurance, and tone; joint motion, mobility, and stability; reflexes and autonomic reaction; movement skill and accuracy, sensation and perception; peripheral nerve integrity; locomotor skill; stability, and endurance; activities of daily living; cardiac, pulmonary, and vascular functions; and fit, function, and comfort of prosthetic, orthotic, and other assisting devices; posture and body mechanics; limb strength, circumference, and volume; thoracic excursion and breathing patterns; vital signs; nature and locus of pain and conditions under which pain varies; photosensitivity; and the home and work physical environments.</p>	Completion of an CAPTE program. Foreign programs must be deemed substantially equivalent by the board.	NPTE	Compact Status: Not yet considered	https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/physicaltherapy/
Idaho	<p>"Practice of physical therapy" means the exercise of the profession of physical therapy by a person who engages in the following health care activities:</p> <p>(a) Examining, evaluating and testing individuals with mechanical, physiological and developmental impairments, functional limitations, and disability or other health and movement-related conditions in order to determine a diagnosis for physical therapy and prognosis for physical therapy, plan of therapeutic intervention, and to assess the ongoing effects of intervention;</p> <p>(b) Alleviating impairments and functional limitations by designing, implementing and modifying therapeutic interventions that include, but are not limited to: therapeutic exercise; functional mobility training in self-care and in-home, community or work reintegration; manual therapy; assistive, adaptive, protective and supportive devices and equipment; bronchopulmonary hygiene; debridement and wound care; physical agents or modalities; mechanical and electrotherapeutic modalities; and patient-related instruction; and to reduce the risk of injury, impairment, functional limitation, and disability, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health, and quality of life in all age populations. The practice of physical therapy shall not include the use of radiology, surgery or medical diagnosis of disease; and</p> <p>(c) Engaging in administration, consultation, testing, education and research as related to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.</p>	Graduation from an nationally accredited school	NPTE	Compact Status: Not yet considered	https://bol.idaho.gov/IBOL/BoardPage.aspx?Bureau=PHT

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Illinois	<p>(1) "Physical therapy" means all of the following:</p> <p>(A) Examining, evaluating, and testing individuals who may have mechanical, physiological, or developmental impairments, functional limitations, disabilities, or other health and movement-related conditions, classifying these disorders, determining a rehabilitation prognosis and plan of therapeutic intervention, and assessing the ongoing effects of the interventions.</p> <p>(B) Alleviating impairments, functional limitations, or disabilities by designing, implementing, and modifying therapeutic interventions that may include, but are not limited to, the evaluation or treatment of a person through the use of the effective properties of physical measures and heat, cold, light, water, radiant energy, electricity, sound, and air and use of therapeutic massage, therapeutic exercise, mobilization, and rehabilitative procedures, with or without assistive devices, for the purposes of preventing, correcting, or alleviating a physical or mental impairment, functional limitation, or disability.</p> <p>(C) Reducing the risk of injury, impairment, functional limitation, or disability, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health, and wellness.</p> <p>(D) Engaging in administration, consultation, education, and research.</p> <p>"Physical therapy" includes, but is not limited to: (a) performance of specialized tests and measurements, (b) administration of specialized treatment procedures, (c) interpretation of referrals from physicians, dentists, advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, and podiatric physicians, (d) establishment, and modification of physical therapy treatment programs, (e) administration of topical medication used in generally accepted physical therapy procedures when such medication is either prescribed by the patient's physician, licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, the patient's physician licensed to practice podiatric medicine, the patient's advanced practice registered nurse, the patient's physician assistant, or the patient's dentist or used following the physician's orders or written instructions, (f) supervision or teaching of physical therapy, and (g) dry needling in accordance with Section 1.5.</p> <p>"Physical therapy" does not include radiology, electrosurgery, chiropractic technique or determination of a differential diagnosis; provided, however, the limitation on determining a differential diagnosis shall not in any manner limit a physical therapist licensed under this Act from performing an evaluation and establishing a physical therapy treatment plan pursuant to such license. Nothing in this Section shall limit a physical therapist from employing appropriate physical therapy techniques that he or she is educated and licensed to perform.</p>	<p>Completion of an approved PTA program with a min of an associate's degree. CAPTE programs preferred, but not required by statute. Non CAPTE grads (including foreign programs) must document equivalency.</p>	NPTE	Compact Status: Not yet considered	https://www.idfpr.com/profs/pt.asp
Indiana	<p>(1) "Physical therapy" means the care and services provided by or under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist that includes any of the following:</p> <p>(A) Examining, evaluating, and conduct testing on patients with mechanical, physiological, or developmental impairments, functional limitations, and disabilities or other health and movement related conditions in order to determine a physical therapy diagnosis.</p> <p>(B) Alleviating impairments, functional limitations, and disabilities by designing, implementing, and modifying treatment interventions that may include therapeutic exercise, functional training in home, community, or work integration or reintegration that is related to physical movement and mobility, manual therapy, including soft tissue and joint mobilization or manipulation, therapeutic massage, prescription, application, and fabrication of assistive, adaptive, orthotic, protective, and supportive devices and equipment, including prescription and application of prosthetic devices and equipment, airway clearance techniques, integumentary protection and repair techniques, debridement and wound care, physical agents or modalities, mechanical and electrotherapeutic modalities, and patient related instruction.</p> <p>(C) Using solid fillform needles to treat neuromusculoskeletal pain and dysfunction (dry needling), after completing board approved continuing education and complying with applicable board rules. However, a physical therapist may not engage in the practice of acupuncture (as defined in IC 25-2.5-1-5) unless the physical therapist is licensed under IC 25-2.5.</p> <p>(D) Reducing the risk of injury, impairment, functional limitation, and disability, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health, and wellness in populations of all ages.</p> <p>(E) Engaging in administration, consultation, education, and research.</p> <p>(2) "Physical therapist" means a person who is licensed under this chapter to practice physical therapy.</p>	<p>Completion of an CAPTE program, or if foreign education: evaluation demonstrating equivalent completed by IERF, FCCPT, ICA or ICD.</p>	NPTE	Compact Status: Not yet considered	
Iowa	<p>"physical therapy" is that branch of science that deals with the evaluation and treatment of human capabilities and impairments. Physical therapy uses the effective properties of physical agents including, but not limited to, mechanical devices, heat, cold, air, light, water, electricity, and sound, and therapeutic exercises, and rehabilitative procedures to prevent, correct, minimize, or alleviate a physical impairment. Physical therapy includes the interpretation of performances, tests, and measurements, the establishment and modification of physical therapy programs, treatment planning, consultative services, instructions to the patients, and the administration and supervision attendant to physical therapy facilities.</p>	<p>Graduation from a program accredited by APTA or other appropriate accrediting body.</p>		Compact Status: Enacted	https://idph.iowa.gov/licensure/iowa-board-of-physical-and-occupational-therapy
Kansas	<p>(a) "Physical therapy" means examining, evaluating and testing individuals with mechanical, anatomical, physiological and developmental impairments, functional limitations and disabilities or other health and movement-related conditions in order to determine a diagnosis solely for physical therapy, prognosis, plan of therapeutic intervention and to assess the ongoing effects of physical therapy intervention. Physical therapy also includes alleviating impairments, functional limitations and disabilities by designing, implementing and modifying therapeutic interventions that may include, but are not limited to, therapeutic exercise; functional training in community or work integration or reintegration; manual therapy; dry needling; therapeutic massage; prescription, application and, as appropriate, fabrication of assistive, adaptive, orthotic, prosthetic, protective and supportive devices and equipment; airway clearance techniques; integumentary protection and repair techniques; debridement and wound care; physical agents or modalities; mechanical and electrotherapeutic modalities; patient-related instruction; reducing the risk of injury, impairments, functional limitations and disability, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health and quality of life in all age populations and engaging in administration, consultation, education and research. Physical therapy also includes the care and services provided by a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist who is licensed pursuant to the physical therapy practice act. Physical therapy does not include the use of roentgen rays and radium for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes, the use of electricity for surgical purposes, including cauterization, the practice of any branch of the healing arts and the making of a medical diagnosis.</p> <p>(b) "Physical therapist" means a person who is licensed to practice physical therapy pursuant to the physical therapy practice act. Any person who successfully meets the requirements of K.S.A. 65-2906, and amendments thereto, shall be known and designated as a physical therapist and may designate or describe oneself, as appropriate, as a physical therapist, physiotherapist, licensed physical therapist, doctor of physical therapy, abbreviations thereof, or words similar thereto or use of the designated letters P.T., Ph.T., M.P.T., D.P.T. or L.P.T. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit physical therapists licensed under K.S.A. 65-2906 and 65-2909, and amendments thereto, from listing or using in conjunction with their name any letters, words, abbreviations or other insignia to designate any educational degrees, certifications or credentials recognized by the board which such licensee has earned. Each licensee when using the letters or term "Dr." or "Doctor" in conjunction with such licensee's professional practice whether in any written or oral communication, shall identify oneself as a "physical therapist" or "doctor of physical therapy."</p>	<p>Completion of an CAPTE program. Foreign programs must be deemed substantially equivalent by the board.</p>	NPTE NPTE	Compact Status: Not yet considered	http://www.ksbha.org/professions/PT.shtml

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Kentucky	(1) "Physical therapy" means the use of selected knowledge and skills in planning, organizing, and directing programs for the care of individuals whose ability to function is impaired or threatened by disease or injury, encompassing preventive measures, screening, tests in aid of diagnosis by a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, chiropractic, or podiatry and evaluation and invasive or noninvasive procedures with emphasis on the skeletal system, neuromuscular and cardiopulmonary function, as it relates to physical therapy. Physical therapy includes screening or evaluations performed to determine the degree of impairment of relevant aspects, such as but not limited to nerve and muscle function including subcutaneous bioelectrical potentials, motor development, functional capacity, and respiratory or circulatory efficiency. Physical therapy also includes physical therapy treatment performed upon referral by a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, chiropractic, or podiatry, including but not limited to exercises for increasing or restoring strength, endurance, coordination and range of motion, stimuli to facilitate motor activity and learning, instruction in activities of daily living, and the use of assistive devices and the application of physical agents to relieve pain or alter physiological status. The use of roentgen rays and radium for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes, the use of electricity for surgical purposes, including cauterization and colonic irrigations are not authorized under the term "physical therapy" as used in this chapter; (2) "Physical therapist" means a professional person who has met the educational requirements of this chapter and who is licensed to practice physical therapy pursuant to this chapter; "Physical therapist" includes equally physiotherapist, physical therapist, and P.T. and is a person who is a graduate of an accredited school of physical therapy, which school, at the time of graduation was approved by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education or the board and who practices physical therapy as defined in this Chapter. "Physical therapy", noun and adjective, means equally physiotherapy and physical therapy. "Practice of physical therapy" is the health care profession practiced by a physical therapist licensed under this Chapter and means the holding out of one's self to the public as a physical therapist and as being engaged in the business of, or the actual engagement in, the evaluation and treatment of any physical or medical condition to restore normal function of the neuromuscular and skeletal system, to relieve pain, or to prevent disability by use of physical or mechanical means, including therapeutic exercise, mobilization, passive manipulation, therapeutic modalities, and activities or devices for preventative, therapeutic, or medical purposes, and further shall include physical therapy evaluation, treatment planning, instruction, consultative services, and the supervision of physical therapy supportive personnel, including physical therapist assistants.	Successfully complete a CAPTE accredited Program Completion of an CAPTE program. Foreign programs must be deemed substantially equivalent by the board.	NPTE and KY Jurisprudence	Compact Status: Enacted	https://pt.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx
Louisiana			NPTE	Compact Status: Enacted	https://www.lapitboard.org/
Maine	The practice of physical therapy includes the evaluation, treatment and instruction of human beings to detect, assess, prevent, correct, alleviate and limit physical disability, bodily malfunction and pain from injury, disease and any other bodily condition; the administration, interpretation and evaluation of tests and measurements of bodily functions and structures for the purpose of treatment planning; the planning, administration, evaluation and modification of treatment and instruction; and the use of physical agents and procedures, activities and devices for preventative and therapeutic purposes; and the provision of consultative, educational and other advisory services for the purpose of reducing the incidence and severity of physical disability, bodily malfunction and pain. "Practice physical therapy" includes: (i) Performing an evaluation of the physical therapy needs of patients or clients; (ii) Performing and interpreting tests and measurements of neuromuscular and musculoskeletal functions to aid treatment; (iii) Planning treatment programs that are based on test findings; and (iv) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, administering therapeutic interventions that include: therapeutic exercise, therapeutic massage, mechanical devices, or therapeutic agents that use the physical, chemical, or other properties of air, water, electricity, sound, or radiant energy. (3) "Practice physical therapy" does not include: (i) Taking X rays; (ii) Using Radioactive substances; or (iii) Using Electricity for cauterization or surgery.	Be a graduate of an educational program for the physical therapist that is accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Commissioner of Education or the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation, or both, and approved by the board; or if the applicant has been trained in another country, present satisfactory evidence that the applicant has graduated from a school of physical therapy approved or accredited in the country where the school is located and have educational credentials equivalent to those of the United States trained physical therapist. Applicants trained in another country must demonstrate proficiency in written and spoken English. Completion of an CAPTE program. Foreign programs must be deemed substantially equivalent by the board.	NPTE	Compact Status: Not yet considered	https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/physical_therapists/index.html
Maryland			NPTE	Compact Status: Enacted	https://health.maryland.gov/bphte/Pages/index.aspx
Massachusetts	"Physical therapy", a health profession that utilizes the application of scientific principles for the identification, prevention, remediation and rehabilitation of acute or prolonged physical dysfunction thereby promoting optimal health and function. Physical therapy practice is evaluation, treatment and instruction related to neuromuscular, musculoskeletal, cardiovascular and respiratory functions. Such evaluation shall include but is not limited to performance and interpretation of tests as an aid to the diagnosis or planning of treatment programs. Such treatment shall include but is not limited to the use of therapeutic exercise, physical activities, mobilization, functional and endurance training, traction, bronchopulmonary hygiene postural drainage, temporary splinting and bracing, massage, heat, cold, water, radiant energy, electricity or sound. Such instruction shall include teaching both patient and family physical therapy procedures as part of a patient's ongoing program. Physical therapy also shall include the delegating of selective forms of treatment to physical therapist assistants and physical therapy aides, provided, however, that the physical therapist so delegating shall assume the responsibility for the care of the patient and the supervision of the physical therapist assistant or physical therapy aide. Physical therapy shall also include the providing of consultation services for health, educational, and community agencies. "Physical therapist", a person who is duly licensed to practice physical therapy in the commonwealth in accordance with section twenty-three B. "Physical therapist assistant", a person duly licensed in accordance with section twenty-three B and who assists in the practice of physical therapy under the direction of a duly licensed physical therapist.	(a) high school graduation or equivalent, (b) graduate from a CAPTE accredited program, or complete a FCCPT evaluation (including appropriate exams)	NPTE	Compact Status: Pending	https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-allied-health-professionals
Michigan		CAPTE Accredited program. Non-CAPTE graduates must have their degree reviewed by: FCCPT, ICDEL, or IERF.	NPTE and MI Jurisprudence	Compact Status: Pending	https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27549---00.html

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Minnesota	As used in sections 148.65 to 148.78 the term "physical therapy" means the evaluation or treatment or both of any person by the employment of physical measures and the use of therapeutic exercises and rehabilitative procedures, with or without assistive devices, for the purpose of preventing, correcting, or alleviating a physical or mental disability. Physical measures shall include but shall not be limited to heat or cold, air, light, water, electricity and sound. Physical therapy includes evaluation other than medical diagnosis, treatment planning, treatment, documentation, performance of appropriate tests and measurement, interpretation of orders or referrals, instruction, consultative services, and supervision of supportive personnel. "Physical therapy" does not include the practice of medicine as defined in section 147.081, or the practice of chiropractic as defined in section 148.01. Subd. 2. Physical therapist. "Physical therapist" means a person licensed by the board who practices physical therapy as defined in sections 148.65 to 148.78.	CAPTE Accredited (or a program found equivalent) graduation AND at least 60 credit hours of post-secondary education outside the accredited program	NPTE	Compact Status: Not yet considered	https://mn.gov/boards/physical-therapy/
Mississippi	(a) "Physical therapy" or "physiotherapy," which terms are deemed identical and interchangeable, means the art and science of a health specialty concerned with the prevention of disability, and the physical rehabilitation for congenital or acquired physical or mental disabilities, resulting from or secondary to injury or disease. The "practice of physical therapy" means the practice of the health specialty and encompasses physical therapy evaluation, treatment planning, treatment administration, instruction and consultative services, including: (i) Performing and interpreting tests and measurements as an aid to physical therapy treatment, for the purpose of correcting or alleviating any physical condition and to prevent the development of any physical or mental disability within the scope of physical therapy, and the performance of neuromuscular-skeletal tests and measurements as an aid in diagnosis, evaluation or determination of the existence of and the extent of any body malfunction; (ii) Planning initial and subsequent treatment programs, on the basis of test findings; and (iii) Administering treatment by therapeutic exercise, neurodevelopmental procedures, therapeutic massage, mechanical devices and therapeutic agents which employ the physical, chemical and other properties of air, water, heat, cold, electricity, sound and radiant energy for the purpose of correcting or alleviating any physical condition or preventing the development of any physical or mental disability. The use of roentgen rays and radium for any purpose, and the use of electricity for surgical purposes including cauterization, are not part of physical therapy. (b) "Physical therapist" means a person licensed in this state to practice physical therapy.		NPTE and MS Jurisprudence	Compact Status: Enacted	https://www.msbpt.ms.gov/secure/index.asp
Missouri	"Physical therapist," a person who is licensed to practice physical therapy. "Practice of physical therapy," the examination, treatment and instruction of human beings to assess, prevent, correct, alleviate and limit physical disability, movement dysfunction, bodily malfunction and pain from injury, disease and any other bodily condition, such term includes, but is not limited to, the administration, interpretation and evaluation of physical therapy tests and measurements of bodily functions and structures; the planning, administration, evaluation and modification of treatment and instruction, including the use of physical measures, activities and devices, for preventive and therapeutic purposes; and the provision of consultative, educational, research and other advisory services for the purpose of reducing the incidence and severity of physical disability, movement dysfunction, bodily malfunction and pain does not include the use of surgery or obstetrics or the administration of x-radiation, radioactive substance, diagnostic x-ray, diagnostic laboratory electrocautery, electrocautery or invasive tests or the prescribing of any drug or medicine or the administration or dispensing of any drug or medicine other than a topical agent administered or dispensed upon the direction of a physician. Physical therapists may perform electromyography and nerve conduction tests but may not interpret the results of the electromyography or nerve conduction test. Physical therapists shall practice physical therapy within the scope of their education and training as provided in sections 334.500 to 334.620.	CAPTE Accredited (or a program found equivalent) graduation	NPTE and MO Jurisprudence	Compact Status: Enacted	https://pr.mo.gov/physicaltherapists.asp
Montana	"Physical therapist assistant" or "assistant" means a person who: (a) is a graduate of an accredited physical therapist assistant curriculum approved by the board; (b) assists a physical therapist in the practice of physical therapy but who may not make evaluations or design treatment plans; and (c) is supervised by a licensed physical therapist		NPTE	Compact Status: Enacted	http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/ptp
Nebraska	Physical therapist means a person licensed to practice physical therapy under the Physical Therapy Practice Act. Physical therapy or physiotherapy means: (1) Examining, evaluating, and testing individuals with mechanical, physiological, and developmental impairments, functional limitations, and disabilities or other conditions related to health and movement and, through analysis of the evaluative process, developing a plan of therapeutic intervention and prognosis while assessing the ongoing effects of the intervention; (2) Alleviating impairment, functional limitation, or disabilities by designing, implementing, or modifying therapeutic interventions which may include any of the following: Therapeutic exercise; functional training in home, community, or work integration or reintegration related to physical movement and mobility; therapeutic massage; mobilization or manual therapy; recommendation, application, and fabrication of assistive, adaptive, protective, and supportive devices and equipment; airway clearance techniques; integumentary protection techniques; nonsurgical debridement and wound care; physical agents or modalities; mechanical and electrotherapeutic modalities; and patient-related instruction; but which does not include the making of a medical diagnosis. (3) Purchasing, storing, and administering topical and aerosol medication in compliance with applicable rules and regulations of the Board of Pharmacy regarding the storage of such medication (4) Reducing the risk of injury, impairment, functional limitation, or disability, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health, and wellness; and (5) Engaging in administration, consultation, education, and research.	CAPTE Accredited (or a program found equivalent) graduation CAPTE Accredited program or Evaluation of equivalency by: FCCPT, ICDeI, or IERF	NPTE and NE Jurisprudence	Compact Status: Enacted	http://dhrs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Physical-Therapy.aspx
Nevada	"Physical therapist" means a person who is licensed as such in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. "Practice of physical therapy": 1. Includes: (a) The performing and interpreting of tests and measurements as an aid to evaluation or treatment; (b) The planning of initial and subsequent programs of treatment on the basis of the results of tests; (c) The administering of treatment through the use of therapeutic exercise and massage, the mobilization of joints by the use of therapeutic exercise without chiropractic adjustment, mechanical devices, and therapeutic agents which employ the properties of air, water, electricity, sound and radiant energy; and (d) The performance of dry needling, if a physical therapist is qualified to do so pursuant to the regulations adopted in accordance with subsection 3 of NRS 640.050. 2. Does not include: (a) The diagnosis of physical disabilities; (b) The use of roentgenic rays or radium; (c) The use of electricity for cauterization or surgery; or (d) The occupation of a masseur who massages only the superficial soft tissues of the body.	CAPTE or a program found equivalent	NPTE and NV Jurisprudence	Compact Status: Not yet considered	http://ptboard.nv.gov/

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New Hampshire	<p>"Physical therapist" or "physiotherapist" means a person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter to practice physical therapy in this state.</p> <p>"Physical therapy" or "physiotherapy" means the care and services provided by or under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist who is licensed pursuant to this chapter.</p> <p>"Practice of physical therapy" or "practice of physiotherapy" means:</p> <p>(a) Testing, examining and evaluating impairments, movement dysfunctions, and disabilities or other health and movement-related conditions in order to determine a diagnosis, prognosis, and plan of intervention, and to assess the outcomes of intervention.</p> <p>(b) Alleviating impairments, movement dysfunctions, and disabilities by designing and implementing, and modifying interventions that include, but are not limited to therapeutic exercise; training related to movement dysfunctions in self care and in home, community or work integration or reintegration; manual therapy including soft tissue and joint mobilization; therapeutic massage; assistive and adaptive orthotic, prosthetic, protective and supportive devices and equipment related to movement dysfunctions; airway clearance techniques; integumentary protection and repair techniques; debridement and wound care; physical agents or modalities, mechanical and electrotherapeutic modalities; and patient-related instruction.</p> <p>(c) Reducing the risk of injury, impairment, movement dysfunctions and disability, including the promotion and maintenance of health, wellness, and fitness in populations of all ages.</p> <p>(d) Engaging in administration, consultation, education and research.</p>	CAPTE or a program found equivalent	NPTAE and NH Jurisprudence	Compact Status: Enacted	https://www.opic.nh.gov/allied-health/physical-therapy.htm
New Jersey	<p>"Physical therapist" means a natural person who holds a current, valid license to practice physical therapy pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1983, c.296 (C.45:9-37.11 et seq.) and in accordance with regulations of the board.</p> <p>"Physical therapy" and "physical therapy practice" mean the identification of physical impairment, movement-related functional limitation, or balance disorder that occurs as a result of injury or congenital or acquired disability, or other physical dysfunction through examination, evaluation and diagnosis of the physical impairment or movement-related functional limitation and the establishment of a prognosis for the resolution or amelioration thereof, and treatment of the physical impairment or movement-related functional limitation, which shall include, but is not limited to, the alleviation of pain, physical impairment and movement-related functional limitation by therapeutic intervention, including treatment by means of manual therapy techniques and massage, electro-therapeutic modalities, wound debridement and care, the use of physical agents, mechanical modalities, hydrotherapy, therapeutic exercises with or without assistive devices, neurodevelopmental procedures, joint mobilization, movement-related functional training in self-care, providing assistance in community and work integration or reintegration, providing training in techniques for the prevention of injury, impairment, movement-related functional limitation, or dysfunction, providing consultative, educational, other advisory services, and collaboration with other health care providers in connection with patient care, and such other treatments and functions as may be further defined by the board by regulation.</p>	master's degree in physical therapy from an accredited college (USDE accreditation) or university	NPTAE and NJ Jurisprudence	Compact Status: Enacted	https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/pt/Pages/default.aspx
New Mexico	<p>"physical therapist" means a person who is licensed in this state to practice physical therapy;</p> <p>"physical therapy" means the care and services provided by or under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist;</p> <p>"practice of physical therapy" means:</p> <p>(1) examining and evaluating patients with mechanical, physiological and developmental impairments, functional limitations and disabilities or other health-related conditions in order to determine a physical therapy diagnosis, prognosis and planned therapeutic intervention;</p> <p>(2) alleviating impairments and functional limitations by designing, implementing and modifying therapeutic interventions that include therapeutic exercise; functional training in self-care and community or work reintegration; manual therapy techniques, including soft tissue and joint mobilization and manipulation; therapeutic massage; assistive and adaptive devices and equipment; bronchopulmonary hygiene; debridement and wound care; physical agents; mechanical and electrotherapeutic modalities; and patient-related instruction;</p> <p>(3) preventing injury, impairments, functional limitations and disability, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health and quality of life in all age populations; and</p> <p>(4) engaging in consultation, testing, education and research</p>	CAPTE or a program found equivalent	NPTE and NM Jurisprudence	Compact Status: Not yet considered	http://www.rid.state.nm.us/boards/Physical_Therapy.aspx
New York	<p>Physical therapy is defined as:</p> <p>The evaluation, treatment or prevention of disability, injury, disease, or other condition of health using physical, chemical, and mechanical means including, but not limited to heat, cold, light, air, water, sound, electricity, massage, mobilization, and therapeutic exercise with or without assistive devices, and the performance and interpretation of tests and measurements to assess pathophysiological, pathomechanical, and developmental deficits of human systems to determine treatment, and assist in diagnosis and prognosis.</p> <p>The use of roentgen rays or radium, or the use of electricity for surgical purposes such as cauterization shall not be included in the practice of physical therapy.</p> <p>Such treatment shall be rendered pursuant to a referral which may be directive as to treatment by a licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist, nurse practitioner or licensed midwife, each acting within his or her lawful scope of practice, and in accordance with their diagnosis, except as provided in subdivision d of this section.</p> <p>Such treatment may be rendered by a licensed physical therapist for ten visits or thirty days, whichever shall occur first, without a referral from a physician, dentist, podiatrist, nurse practitioner or licensed midwife provided that:</p> <p>The licensed physical therapist has practiced physical therapy on a full time basis equivalent to not less than three years.</p> <p>Each physical therapist licensed pursuant to this article shall provide written notice to each patient receiving treatment absent a referral from a physician, dentist, podiatrist, nurse practitioner or licensed midwife that physical therapy may not be covered by the patient's health care plan or insurer without such a referral and that such treatment may be a covered expense if rendered pursuant to a referral. The physical therapist shall keep on file with the patient's records a form attesting to the patient's notice of such advice. Such form shall be in duplicate, with one copy to be retained by the patient, signed and dated by both the physical therapist and the patient in such form as prescribed pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner.</p>	master's degree or higher in physical therapy in a CAPTE accredited program or a program determined to be equivalent	NPTE	Compact Status: Not yet considered	http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pt/#
North Carolina	<p>"Physical therapy" means the evaluation or treatment of any person by the use of physical, chemical, or other properties of heat, light, water, electricity, sound, massage, or therapeutic exercise, or other rehabilitative procedures, with or without assistive devices, for the purposes of preventing, correcting, or alleviating a physical or mental disability. Physical therapy includes the performance of specialized tests of neuromuscular function, administration of specialized therapeutic procedures, interpretation and implementation of referrals from licensed medical doctors or dentists, and establishment and modification of physical therapy programs for patients. Evaluation and treatment of patients may involve physical measures, methods, or procedures as are found commensurate with physical therapy education and training and generally or specifically authorized by regulations of the Board. Physical therapy education and training shall include study of the skeletal manifestations of systemic disease. Before October 1, 2019 - Physical therapy does not include the application of roentgen rays or radioactive materials, surgery, manipulation of the spine unless prescribed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina, or medical diagnosis of disease. Beginning on October 1, 2019 - Physical therapy does not include the application of roentgen rays or radioactive materials, surgery, the practice of chiropractic, as defined by G.S. 90-143, or medical diagnosis of disease</p>	CAPTE graduation or a program determined to be equivalent	NPTE and NC Jurisprudence	Compact Status: Enacted	https://www.ncptboard.org/

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North Dakota	<p>"Physical therapist" means an individual licensed under this chapter to practice physical therapy. The term "physiotherapist" is synonymous with "physical therapist" under this chapter.</p> <p>"Practice of physical therapy" means:</p> <p>a. Examining, evaluating, and testing individuals with mechanical, physiological, and developmental impairments, functional limitations in movement and mobility, and disabilities or other health and movement-related conditions to determine a diagnosis for physical therapy, prognosis, and plan of therapeutic intervention, and to assess the ongoing effects of intervention.</p> <p>b. Alleviating impairments, functional limitations in movement and mobility, and disabilities by designing, implementing and modifying therapeutic interventions that may include therapeutic exercise; neuromuscular education; functional training related to positioning, movement, and mobility in self-care and in-home, community, or work integration or reintegration; manual therapy; therapeutic massage; prescription, application and, as appropriate, fabrication of assistive, adaptive, orthotic, prosthetic, protective, and supportive devices and equipment related to positioning, movement, and mobility; airway clearance techniques; integumentary protection and repair techniques; debridement and wound care; physiotherapy; physical agents or modalities; mechanical and electrotherapeutic modalities; and patient-related instruction.</p> <p>c. Engaging as a physical therapist in reducing the risk of injury, impairment, functional limitation and disability, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health, and wellness in populations of all ages.</p> <p>d. Engaging as a physical therapist in administration, consultation, education, and research.</p>	CAPTE graduation or a program determined to be equivalent (FCCPT accepted)	NPTE and ND Jurisprudence	Compact Status: Enacted	https://www.ndbpt.org/
Ohio	<p>(1) "Physical therapy" means the evaluation and treatment of a person by physical measures and the use of therapeutic exercises and rehabilitative procedures, with or without assistive devices, for the purpose of preventing, correcting, or alleviating physical impairments, functional limitations, and physical disabilities. "Physical therapy" includes physiotherapy.</p> <p>"Physical therapy" includes the establishment and modification of physical therapy programs, treatment planning, patient education and instruction, and consultative services. With respect to the evaluation of a person, "physical therapy" includes determining a physical therapy diagnosis in order to treat the person's physical impairments, functional limitations, and physical disabilities; determining a prognosis; and determining a plan of therapeutic intervention. If performed by a person who is adequately trained, "physical therapy" includes the design, fabrication, and revision of various assistive devices, and the provision of education and instruction in the use of those devices, including braces, splints, ambulatory or locomotion devices, wheelchairs, prosthetics, and orthotics.</p> <p>"Physical therapy" includes the administration of topical drugs that have been prescribed by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.</p> <p>(2) "Physical therapy" does not include either of the following:</p> <p>(a) The use of electricity for cauterization or other surgical purposes;</p> <p>(b) The use of Roentgen rays or radium for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.</p>	<p>Completion of a master's or doctorate program of physical therapy education that is accredited by CAPTE and that includes:</p> <p>(a) A minimum of one hundred twenty academic semester credits or its equivalent, including courses in the biological and other physical sciences;</p> <p>(b) A course in physical therapy education that has provided instruction in basic sciences, clinical sciences, and physical therapy theory and procedures.</p>	NPTE and OH Jurisprudence	Compact Status: Pending	https://otptat.ohio.gov/
Oklahoma	<p>"Physical therapy" means the care and services provided by or under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist who is licensed pursuant to the Physical Therapy Practice Act.</p> <p>2. "Practice of physical therapy" means the use of selected knowledge and skills in planning, organizing and directing programs for the care of individuals whose ability to function is impaired or threatened by disease or injury, encompassing preventive measures, screening, tests in aid of diagnosis by a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic, dentistry or podiatry, or a physician assistant, and evaluation and invasive or noninvasive procedures with emphasis on the skeletal system, neuromuscular and cardiopulmonary function, as it relates to physical therapy. Physical therapy includes screening or evaluations performed to determine the degree of impairment of relevant aspects such as, but not limited to, nerve and muscle function including transcutaneous bioelectrical potentials, motor development, functional capacity and respiratory or circulatory efficiency. Physical therapy also includes physical therapy treatment performed including, but not limited to, exercises for increasing or restoring strength, endurance, coordination and range of motion, stimuli to facilitate motor activity and learning, instruction in activities of daily living and the use of assistive devices and the application of physical agents to relieve pain or alter physiological status. The use of roentgen rays and radium for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes, the use of electrolysis for surgical purposes, including cauterization and colonic irrigations are not authorized under the term "physical therapy" as used in this chapter;</p>	CAPTE Accredited Graduation, or a program deemed equivalent by FCCPT	NPTE	Compact Status: Enacted	https://www.okmedicalboard.org/physical_therapists
Oregon	<p>(1) "Physical therapist" means a person who is licensed pursuant to ORS 688.010 to 688.201 to practice physical therapy.</p> <p>(2) "Physical therapist aide" means a person who is trained by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant to perform designated and supervised routine tasks related to physical therapy and who works under the direct on-site supervision of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.</p> <p>(3) "Physical therapist assistant" means a person who assists a physical therapist in the administration of selected components of physical therapy intervention. A physical therapist assistant works under the supervision and direction of the physical therapist.</p> <p>(4) "Physical therapy" means the care and services provided by a physical therapist or by a physical therapist assistant under the supervision and direction of a physical therapist.</p> <p>(5) "Practice of physical therapy" means:</p> <p>(a) Examining, evaluating and testing for mechanical, physiological and developmental impairments, functional limitations and disabilities or other neuromusculoskeletal conditions in order to determine a physical therapy diagnosis or prognosis or a plan of physical therapy intervention and to assess the ongoing effects of physical therapy intervention.</p> <p>(b) Alleviating impairments and functional limitations by designing, implementing, administering and modifying physical therapy interventions.</p> <p>(c) Reducing the risk of injury, impairment, functional limitation and disability by physical therapy interventions that may include as a component the promotion and maintenance of health, fitness and quality of life in all age populations.</p> <p>(d) Consulting or providing educational services to a patient for the purposes of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this subsection.</p>	CAPTE Graduation (or a program deemed equivalent by the board) and Oregon Pain Commission's Pain Management Module	NPTE and OR Jurisprudence Exam	Compact Status: Enacted	https://www.oregon.gov/pt/Pages/default.aspx
Pennsylvania	<p>"Physical therapist" shall mean a person who has met all the requirements of this act and is licensed to practice physical therapy in accordance with this act.</p> <p>"Physical therapy" means any of the following:</p> <p>(1) The evaluation, examination and testing of individuals with mechanical, physiological and developmental impairments, functional limitations and disabilities, other health-related or movement-related conditions, performed to determine a diagnosis, prognosis and plan of treatment intervention within the scope of this act or to assess the ongoing effects of intervention.</p> <p>(2) The performance of tests and measurements as an aid in diagnosis or evaluation of function and the treatment of the individual through the utilization of the effective properties of physical measures such as mechanical stimulation, heat, cold, light, air, water, electricity, sound, massage or mobilization-manual therapy.</p> <p>(3) The use of therapeutic exercises and rehabilitative procedures, including training in functional activities, with or without the utilization of assistive devices, for the purpose of limiting or preventing disability and alleviating or correcting any physical or mental conditions.</p> <p>(4) Reducing the risk of injury, impairment, functional limitation and disability, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health and wellness in populations of all ages as well as engaging in administration, consultation, education and research</p>	Min of a masters from a CAPTE accredited education program, or if foreign educated from a non-CAPTE program must demonstrate program was accepted by the ministering body where it is located, and that it is substantially equivalent to a CAPTE program.	NPTE	Compact Status: Pending	https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/PhysicalTherapy/Pages/default.aspx

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Rhode Island	<p>"Physical therapist" means an individual who is licensed by the department to practice physical therapy.</p> <p>"Physical therapy" means the care and services provided by or under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist who is licensed pursuant to this chapter.</p> <p>"Practice of physical therapy" means:</p> <p>(i)(A) Examination, evaluation, treatment, and instruction of patients/clients to detect, assess, prevent, correct, alleviate, and limit physical disability, physical dysfunction, and pain from injury, disease, and any other bodily conditions;</p> <p>(B) Administration, interpretation, and evaluation of tests and measurements of bodily functions and structures;</p> <p>(C) The planning, administration, evaluation, and modification of treatment and instruction, including the use of physical measures, activities, and devices, for preventive and therapeutic purposes; and</p> <p>(D) The provision of consultative, educational, and other advisory services for the purpose of reducing the incidence and severity of physical disability, physical dysfunction, and pain;</p> <p>(i) The practice of physical therapy does not include the practice of medicine as defined in chapter 37 of this title.</p>	CAPTE graduation or a program deemed equivalent by FCCPT	NPTE	Compact Status: Pending	https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=236
South Carolina	<p>"The practice of physical therapy" means the evaluation and treatment of human beings to detect, assess, prevent, correct, alleviate, and limit physical disability, bodily malfunction, and pain from injury, disease, and any other bodily or mental condition and includes the administration, interpretation, documentation, and evaluation of physical therapy tests and measurements of bodily functions and structures; the establishment, administration, evaluation, and modification of a physical therapy treatment plan which includes the use of physical, chemical, or mechanical agents, activities, instruction, and devices for prevention and therapeutic purposes; and the provision of consultative and educational and other advisory services for the purpose of preventing or reducing the incidence and severity of physical disability, bodily malfunction, and pain. The use of roentgen rays and radium for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes and the use of electricity for surgical purposes, including cauterization and colonic irrigations, are not authorized under the term "physical therapy" as used in this chapter, and nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize a physical therapist to prescribe medications or order laboratory or other medical tests.</p> <p>For the purposes of §§ 36-10-18 through 36-10-52, the practice of physical therapy is the examination and evaluation of patients with mechanical, physiological, and developmental impairments, functional limitation, and disability or other similar conditions in order to determine a diagnosis, prognosis, and therapeutic intervention; alleviation of impairments and functional limitations by designing, implementing, and modifying therapeutic interventions that include therapeutic exercise, functional training in community or work reintegration, manual therapy techniques including soft tissue and joint mobilization, assistive and adaptive devices and equipment, bronchopulmonary hygiene, debridement and wound care, physical agents and mechanical modalities, therapeutic massage, electrotherapeutic modalities, and patient-related instruction; prevention of injury, impairments, functional limitations, and disability including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health, and quality of life in all age populations; and consultation, education, and research.</p>	Completion of a CAPTE accredited program, or a program that has been found equivalent	NPTE	Compact Status: Enacted	https://www.llr.sc.gov/pt/
South Dakota	<p>"Physical therapist" means a person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter to practice physical therapy.</p> <p>"Practice of physical therapy" means:</p> <p>(A) Examining, evaluating and testing individuals with mechanical, physiological and developmental impairments, functional limitations and disability or other health and movement-related conditions in order to determine a physical therapy treatment diagnosis, prognosis, a plan of therapeutic intervention and to assess the ongoing effect of intervention;</p> <p>(B) Alleviating impairments and functional limitations by designing, implementing, and modifying therapeutic interventions that include, but are not limited to, therapeutic exercise, functional training, manual therapy, therapeutic massage, assistive and adaptive orthotic, prosthetic, protective and supportive equipment, airway clearance techniques, debridement and wound care, physical agents or modalities, dry needling, mechanical and electrotherapeutic modalities and patient-related instruction;</p> <p>(C) Reducing the risk of injury, impairments, functional limitation and disability, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health and quality of life in all age populations; and</p> <p>(D) Engaging in administration, consultation, education and research;</p>	graduated from a physical therapy curriculum accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education or the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation	NPTE	Compact Status: Enacted	http://www.sdbmoa.gov/
Tennessee	<p>"Physical therapist" means a person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter to practice physical therapy.</p> <p>"Practice of physical therapy" means:</p> <p>(A) Examining, evaluating and testing individuals with mechanical, physiological and developmental impairments, functional limitations and disability or other health and movement-related conditions in order to determine a physical therapy treatment diagnosis, prognosis, a plan of therapeutic intervention and to assess the ongoing effect of intervention;</p> <p>(B) Alleviating impairments and functional limitations by designing, implementing, and modifying therapeutic interventions that include, but are not limited to, therapeutic exercise, functional training, manual therapy, therapeutic massage, assistive and adaptive orthotic, prosthetic, protective and supportive equipment, airway clearance techniques, debridement and wound care, physical agents or modalities, dry needling, mechanical and electrotherapeutic modalities and patient-related instruction;</p> <p>(C) Reducing the risk of injury, impairments, functional limitation and disability, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health and quality of life in all age populations; and</p> <p>(D) Engaging in administration, consultation, education and research;</p>	Completion of a CAPTE accredited program, or a program that has been found equivalent	NPTE	Compact Status: Enacted	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/pt-board/pt-board.html
Texas	<p>"Physical therapist" means a person who is licensed by the board as a physical therapist and practices physical therapy. The term includes a hydrotherapist, physiotherapist, mechanotherapist, functional therapist, physical therapy practitioner, physical therapist specialist, physical therapy specialist, physiotherapy practitioner, kinesiologist, physical rehabilitation specialist, and myofunctional therapist.</p>	CAPTE graduation or a program deemed equivalent	NPTE	Compact Status: Enacted	https://www.ptot.texas.gov/page/home
Vermont	<p>"Physical therapist" means a person who has met all the conditions of this chapter and is licensed for the practice of physical therapy in this State.</p> <p>"Practice of physical therapy" means:</p> <p>(A) examining, evaluating, and testing, in order to determine a plan of care inclusive of appropriate therapeutic interventions and expected outcome and effect of use interventions of individuals with:</p> <p>(i) mechanical, physiological, and developmental impairments;</p> <p>(ii) functional limitations in physical movement and mobility;</p> <p>(iii) disabilities; and</p> <p>(iv) other movement-related conditions;</p> <p>(B) alleviating impairments and functional limitations in physical movement and mobility and disabilities by developing, implementing, and modifying treatment interventions; or</p> <p>(C) reducing the risk of injury, impairment, functional limitation, and disability related to physical movement and mobility, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health, and wellness related to movement and function</p>	CAPTE graduation or a program deemed equivalent	NPTE	Compact Status: Not yet considered	https://sos.vermont.gov/physical-therapists/statutes-rules-resources/
Virginia	<p>"Physical therapist" means any person licensed by the Board to engage in the practice of physical therapy.</p> <p>"Practice of physical therapy" means that branch of the healing arts that is concerned with, upon medical referral and direction, the evaluation, testing, treatment, reduction and rehabilitation by physical, mechanical or electronic measures and procedures of individuals who, because of trauma, disease or birth defect, present physical and emotional disorders. The practice of physical therapy also includes the administration, interpretation, documentation, and evaluation of tests and measurements of bodily functions and structures within the scope of practice of the physical therapist. However, the practice of physical therapy does not include the medical diagnosis of disease or injury, the use of Roentgen rays and radium for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes or the use of electricity for shock therapy and surgical purposes including cauterization.</p>	Graduate of a school of physical therapy approved by the APTA or is a graduate of a school outside of the US or Canada that is found equivalent.	NPTE	Compact Status: Enacted	https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/PhysicalTherapy/default.htm

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Washington	<p>Practice of physical therapy" is based on movement science and means:</p> <p>(a) Examining, evaluating, and testing individuals with mechanical, physiological, and developmental impairments, functional limitations in movement, and disability or other health and movement-related conditions in order to determine a diagnosis, prognosis, plan of therapeutic intervention, and to assess and document the ongoing effects of intervention;</p> <p>(b) Alleviating impairments and functional limitations in movement by designing, implementing, and modifying therapeutic interventions that include therapeutic exercise; functional training related to balance, posture, and movement to facilitate self-care and reintegration into home, community, or work; manual therapy including soft tissue and joint mobilization and manipulation; therapeutic massage; assistive, adaptive, protective, and devices related to postural control and mobility except as restricted by (c) of this subsection; airway clearance techniques; physical agents or modalities; mechanical and electrotherapeutic modalities; and patient-related instruction;</p> <p>(c) Training for, and the evaluation of, the function of a patient wearing an orthosis or prosthesis as defined in RCW 18.200.010. Physical therapists may provide those direct-formed and prefabricated upper limb, knee, and ankle-foot orthoses, but not fracture orthoses except those for hand, wrist, ankle, and foot fractures, and assistive technology devices specified in RCW 18.200.010 as exemptions from the defined scope of licensed orthotic and prosthetic services. It is the intent of the legislature that the unregulated devices specified in RCW 18.200.010 are in the public domain to the extent that they may be provided in common with individuals or other health providers, whether unregulated or regulated under this title, without regard to any scope of practice;</p> <p>(d) Performing wound care services that are limited to sharp debridement, debridement with other agents, dry dressings, wet dressings, topical agents including enzymes, hydrotherapy, electrical stimulation, ultrasound, and other similar treatments. Physical therapists may not delegate sharp debridement. A physical therapist may perform wound care services only by referral from or after consultation with an authorized health care practitioner;</p> <p>(e) Reducing the risk of injury, impairment, functional limitation, and disability related to movement, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health, and quality of life in all age populations; and</p> <p>(f) Engaging in administration, consultation, education, and research.</p>	<p>Graduate from a CAPTE accredited program</p>	NPTE	Compact Status: Enacted	https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/PhysicalTherapist
West Virginia	<p>A physical therapist may:</p> <p>(1) Examine, evaluate and test patients or clients with mechanical, physiological and developmental impairments, functional limitations, and disabilities or other health and movement related conditions in order to determine a diagnosis, prognosis and plan of treatment intervention, and to assess the ongoing effects of intervention. Provided, That electromyography examination and electrodiagnostic studies other than the determination of chronaxia and strength duration curves shall not be performed except under the supervision of a physician electromyographer and electrodiagnostician;</p> <p>(2) Alleviate impairments, functional limitations and disabilities by designing, implementing and modifying treatment interventions that may include, but are not limited to: therapeutic exercise; functional training in self-care in relation to motor control function; mobility; in home, community or work integration or reintegration; manual therapy techniques including mobilization of the joints; therapeutic massage; fabrication of assistive, adaptive, orthotic, prosthetic, protective and supportive devices and equipment; airway clearance techniques; integumentary protection and repair techniques; patient-related instruction; mechanical and electrotherapeutic modalities; and physical agent or modalities including, but not limited to, heat, cold, light, air, water and sound;</p> <p>(3) Reduce the risk of injury, impairment, functional limitation and disability, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health and wellness in populations of all ages; and</p> <p>(4) Engage in administration, consultation and research.</p>	<p>Graduate from a CAPTE accredited program</p> <p>bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degree in physical therapy from a CAPTE accredited program. Foreign grads must complete a US PT program (entry level masters, not a Advanced degree)</p>	NPTE	Compact Status: Enacted	http://www.wvbopt.com/index.cfm
Wisconsin	<p>"Physical therapist" means an individual who has been graduated from a school of physical therapy and holds a license to practice physical therapy granted by the examining board or who holds a physical therapist compact privilege.</p> <p>"Physical therapist assistant" means an individual who holds a license as a physical therapist assistant granted by the examining board or who holds a physical therapist assistant compact privilege.</p> <p>(a) "Physical therapy" means, except as provided in par. (b), any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Examining, evaluating, or testing individuals with mechanical, physiological, or developmental impairments, functional limitations related to physical movement and mobility, disabilities, or other movement-related health conditions, in order to determine a diagnosis, prognosis, or plan of therapeutic intervention or to assess the ongoing effects of intervention. In this subdivision, "testing" means using standardized methods or techniques for gathering data about a patient. 2. Alleviating impairments or functional limitations by instructing patients or designing, implementing, or modifying therapeutic interventions. 3. Reducing the risk of injury, impairment, functional limitation, or disability, including by promoting or maintaining fitness, health, or quality of life in all age populations. 4. Engaging in administration, consultation, or research that is related to any activity specified in subs. 1. to 3. <p>(b) "Physical therapy" does not include any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Using roentgen rays or radium for any purpose, except that "physical therapy" includes ordering X-rays to be performed by qualified persons, subject to s. 448.56 (7) (a), and using X-ray results to determine a course of care or to determine whether a referral to another health care provider is necessary. 2. Using electricity for surgical purposes, including cauterization. 3. Prescribing drugs or devices. 	<p>graduation from a school of physical therapy approved by the board</p>	NPTE and WI Jurisprudence	Compact Status: Enacted	
Wyoming	<p>"Physical therapy" or "physiotherapy" means the care and services provided by or under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist or physiotherapist who is licensed pursuant to this act. The practice of physical therapy includes:</p> <p>(A) Examining, evaluating and testing persons with mechanical, physiological or developmental impairments, functional limitations, disabilities or other health or movement related conditions to determine a physical therapy diagnosis, prognosis or plan of treatment and assessing the ongoing effects of intervention.</p> <p>(B) Alleviating impairments, functional limitations or disabilities by designing, implementing or modifying treatment interventions that may include but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (I) Therapeutic exercise; (II) Functional activities in the home; (III) Community or work integration or reintegration; (IV) Manual therapy, which includes mobilization and grades I through IV manipulation of joints and soft tissue but does not include grade V manipulations without completion of advanced training requirements as determined by the board; (V) Therapeutic massage; (VI) Prescription, application or fabrication of appropriate assistive, adaptive, protective or supportive devices or equipment; (VII) Airway clearance techniques; (VIII) Integumentary protection or repair techniques; (IX) Wound care; (X) Application of physical agents or modalities; (XI) Mechanical modalities; (XII) Patient related instruction. <p>(C) Reducing the risk of injury, impairment, functional limitation or disability, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health and wellness.</p>	<p>Graduation from a CAPTE accredited program. Foreign education must be creditallied through FOCPT, IERF, or ICD</p>	NPTE and WY Jurisprudence	Compact Status: Not yet considered	https://dpsps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/PT/Default.aspx https://physicaltherapy.wyo.gov/
DC	<p>"Practice of physical therapy" means the independent evaluation of human disability, injury, or disease by means of noninvasive tests of neuromuscular functions and other standard procedures of physical therapy, and the treatment of human disability, injury, or disease by therapeutic procedures, embracing the specific scientific application of physical measures to secure the functional rehabilitation of the human body. These measures include the use of therapeutic exercise, therapeutic massage, heat or cold, air, light, water, electricity, or sound for the purpose of correcting or alleviating any physical or mental disability, or preventing the development of any physical or mental disability, or the performance of noninvasive tests of neuromuscular functions as an aid to the detection or treatment of any human condition</p>	<p>Has successfully graduated from either a CAPTE accredited program in Physical Therapy or has cleared a Type 1 Certification n by the FOCPT</p>	NPTE and DC Jurisprudence	Compact Status: Pending	https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/159572

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American Samoa	<p>"Practice of physical therapy" means the independent evaluation of human disability, injury, or disease by means of noninvasive tests of neuromuscular functions and other standard procedures of physical therapy, and the treatment of human disability, injury, or disease by therapeutic procedures, embracing the specific scientific application of physical measures to secure the functional rehabilitation of the human body. These measures include the use of therapeutic exercise, therapeutic massage, heat or cold, air, light, water, electricity, or sound for the purpose of correcting or alleviating any physical or mental disability, or preventing the development of any physical or mental disability, or the performance of noninvasive tests of neuromuscular functions as an aid to the detection or treatment of any human condition.</p> <p>An individual, licensed to practice physical therapy pursuant to this chapter may apply to the director of health for authorization to evaluate and treat patients without prescription or referral as required in paragraph (h). Such authorization may be granted by the director of health, at his discretion to an individual physical therapist, for a specified period of time, and under such limitations and conditions as the director health deems appropriate.</p>	<p>Graduate of an accredited school of medicine, and has completed at least one year of post-graduate training in a hospital or other health care facility accredited for post-graduate training. Graduates from an accredited school of medicine located in the United States, Canada, Papua-New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, Switzerland, France, Belgium, West Germany, Norway, Sweden, or Denmark will be considered as having met standards of education acceptable for licensure in American Samoa. Furnish the board with evidence that he has satisfactorily completed a minimum of six months of supervised work experience in a clinical setting of an accredited physical therapy training institution</p>		Compact Status: Unknown	
Guam	<p>(a) Physical Therapists. (1) A person licensed under this Article as a physical therapist may evaluate and treat human ailments by physical therapy. The evaluation shall be the physical therapist's assessment of a patient's problem and shall include a physical therapy diagnosis. If a patient's problem is outside the scope of physical therapy, the therapist shall consult with a person licensed to practice medicine. If a patient, at any time, requires further medical evaluation or diagnostic testing, that patient shall be referred to an authorized health care practitioner. (2) Direct referral of a patient by an authorized health care practitioner may be by telephone, letter or in person; provided, however, if the instructions are oral, the physical therapist may administer treatment accordingly, but must make a record describing the nature of the treatment, the date administered, the name of the person receiving the treatment and the name of the referring authorized health care practitioner</p>	<p>(1) a bachelor's degree in physical therapy or certificate in physical therapy from an accredited school of physical therapy in the United States; (2) transcripts from an approved school of physical therapy, evidencing the successful completion of a four (4) year degree program, a two (2) year certificate or advanced program which must include supervised clinical experience.</p>	Unknown	Compact Status: Unknown	http://dphss.guam.gov/guam-board-of-allied-health-examiners/
Northern Mariana Islands	<p>"Physical therapy" means the examination, evaluation diagnosis, prognosis and intervention provided by physical therapists. Physical therapy includes without limitation the diagnosis and management of movement dysfunction and enhancement of physical and functional abilities; restoration, maintenance and promotion of optimal physical function, optimal fitness and wellness, and optimal quality of life as it relates to movement and health; and prevention of the onset, symptoms and progression of impairments, functional limitations, and disabilities that may result from diseases, disorders, conditions or injuries. The term "physiotherapy" shall be synonymous with "physical therapy" pursuant to these regulations. "Physical therapist (PT)" means a person who is a graduate of an accredited physical therapist education program and is licensed to practice physical therapy as defined in these regulations and whose license is in good standing. The term "physiotherapist" shall be synonymous with "physical therapist" pursuant to these regulations.</p>	<p>CAPTE accredited program or a CPA Accredited college in Canada, Non-US or Canadian education must be found equivalent.</p>	NPTE	Compact Status: Unknown	https://cnmibpi-hqibb.net/
Puerto Rico	<p>(1) Physical therapy or physiotherapy. — Treatment of any disability, injury, illness or other condition of health, or the prevention of such disability, injury, illness or other condition of health in the human being, and his rehabilitation, by the use of the physical, chemical and other properties, of heat or cold, light, water, electricity, sound, massage and therapeutic exercises, which include posture and rehabilitation procedures, as well as the administration of neuromuscular tests to aid the diagnosis or treatment of any human condition. For purposes of this chapter, "physical therapy or physiotherapy" does not include the use of radiology or of electricity for surgical purposes, including cauterization. (2) Physical therapist or physiotherapist. — A professional related to the health field who applies physiotherapy or physical therapy following the diagnosis and prescription or the referral of a physician authorized to practice medicine in Puerto Rico.</p>	<p>completed a course of study at a school of physical therapy recognized by the Medical Council of Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association and/or the American Association of Physical Therapy; Provided, That in the case of an applicant for a license of physical therapist assistant, the course of study shall be approved by the Higher Education Council of the University of Puerto Rico.</p>	<p>theoretical and practical examination to test the knowledge of the candidate fulfilling the requirements of § 245 of this title. The subject matter to be covered by the examination for physical therapist or physiotherapist shall include anatomy, chemistry, kinesiology, pathology, physics, psychology, physical therapy as applied to medicine, surgery and psychiatry; theory and procedure of physical therapy, ethics in the practice of physical therapy, ethics in the practice of medicine, and such other disciplines as the Board may deem necessary for measuring the ability of the applicant for the practice of physical therapy.</p>	Compact Status: Not yet considered	http://www.salud.gov.pr/Pages/Home.aspx
US Virgin Islands	<p>"Practice of physical therapy" means: (1) Examining, evaluating and testing individuals with mechanical, physiological and developmental impairments, functional limitations, and disabilities or other health and movement-related conditions in order to determine a physical therapy evaluation and plan of treatment intervention, and to assess the ongoing effects of intervention. (2) Alleviating impairments, functional limitations and disabilities by designing, implementing and modifying treatment interventions that may include, but are not limited to, therapeutic exercise, functional training in self-care and in home, community or work integration or reintegration, manual therapy including soft tissue and the first four stages of joint mobilization only, therapeutic massage, prescription, application and, as appropriate, fabrication of assistive, adaptive, orthotic, prosthetic, protective and supportive devices and equipment, airway clearance techniques, integumentary protection and repair techniques, debridement and wound care, physical agents or modalities, mechanical and electrotherapeutic modalities, and patient-related instruction. (3) Reducing the risk of injury, impairment, functional limitation and disability, including the promotion and maintenance of fitness, health and wellness in populations of all ages. (4) Engaging in administration, consultation, education and research. (5) The term "practice of physical therapy" as defined in this subsection does not preclude other health care providers' providing service similar to that which is defined for persons licensed pursuant to this subchapter from performing various forms of modalities allowed in their specific practice act or Board regulations.</p>	<p>Licensure by endorsement from another US jurisdiction only.</p>	<p>NPTE (even if original state of licensure did not require it)</p>	Compact Status: Not yet considered	https://doh.vi.gov/programs/permits-licenses-and-certificates