

Title 30: Professions and Occupations

Part 3103: Licensure, Practice, Renewal, Continuing Education, Standard of Conduct & Fee

Part 3103 Chapter 5: Continuing Education

Rule 5.4 Sources of Continuing Education. Continuing education hours may be accrued from the following sources, when the content of the programs relates to the profession of physical therapy:

1. a. Attendance at educational programs where continuing education credit is given and approved by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), the Mississippi Physical Therapy Association (MPTA), or any other state Physical Therapy Association educational programs;
- b. Attendance at educational programs where continuing education credit is given and approved by the American Medical Association (AMA) and its components;
- c. Attendance at other programs approved for continuing education credit by MPTA, APTA, AMA, or their components; or
- d. Attendance at educational programs where continuing education credit is given and approved by accredited universities.
2. Presentations made before physical therapists, medical practitioners, or other health related professionals and directly related to the profession of physical therapy. To be considered for continuing an education credit, material outline and a synopsis must be submitted to the Board prior to the presentation date. Notice of approval or disapproval will be sent following a review by the Board. For approved presentations, the presenter may accrue one (1) hour of continuing education credit for each hour of the actual presentation, and one (1) hour of preparation time, for a total of (2) two hours. Presenter credit is given one (1) time only, even though the session may be presented multiple times. No more than 25% of total required hours may be accrued through presentations.
3. a. Academic course work taken for credit from a regionally accredited college or university may be used. The courses must relate to the profession of physical therapy. One academic semester hour shall be equivalent to fifteen (15) clock hours for continuing education credit. No more than 50% of total required hours may be accrued through academic course work. Courses must be on the graduate level for physical therapists. Undergraduate courses are acceptable for physical therapist assistants.
- b. Academic course work taken by a physical therapist/physical therapist assistant for credit toward an advanced degree in physical therapy may be counted as meeting the full continuing education requirements.
4. Home Study Courses approved by an organization in Part 3103 Rule 5.4.1-3
5. Specific UNACCEPTABLE activities include:
 - a. All in-service programs not approved under Part 3103 Rule 5.4.1, 2, & 4 of these regulations.
 - b. Orientation to specific work-site programs dealing with organizational structures, processes, or procedures.
 - c. Meetings for purposes of policy decision.
 - d. Non-educational meetings at annual conferences, chapter or organizational meetings.
 - e. Entertainment or recreational meetings or activities.

- f. Committee meetings, holding of office, serving as an organizational delegate.
- g. Visiting exhibits or poster presentations.
- h. CPR education.
- i. Self-directed studies other than those previously outlined.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §73-23-43(1)(e), (h), (j) and (k) (Rev. 2008).