

1398.26.5 Clinical Service Requirements for Foreign Educated Applicants

(a) The period of clinical service required by Section 2653 of the Code shall be certified by at least one supervising physical therapist (the supervising physical therapist is the Center Coordinator of Clinical Education and/or the Clinical Instructor) licensed by the board, or by a physical therapy licensing authority in another jurisdiction which is accepted by the board.

(b) For the purposes of this regulation, supervision means the supervising physical therapist must be onsite in the same facility and available to the physical therapist licensure applicant to provide assistance with any patient care.

(c) Effective January 1, 2008, the center coordinator of clinical education (CCCE) must be an American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) certified clinical instructor. Effective January 1, 2010, all clinical instructors must be APTA certified.

(d) The certification shall be submitted in a report to the board and shall document the supervising physical therapist's determination that the physical therapist licensure applicant possesses the skills necessary to perform any physical therapy evaluation or any physical therapy procedure of patient care within the California healthcare system. The supervising physical therapist's evaluation of the physical therapist licensure applicant shall be prepared utilizing the Physical Therapist Clinical Performance Instrument issued by the American Physical Therapy Association in December of 1997. The certification shall include two evaluations of the physical therapist licensure applicant's skills. One evaluation shall determine the skill level mid-way through the period of clinical service and the other evaluation shall determine the skill level at the end of the clinical service. Both evaluations shall be reported at the end of the period of clinical service.

(e) Three (3) months of the required nine (9) months of clinical service shall be waived by the board if the physical therapist licensure applicant successfully completes a course in Law and Professional Ethics as offered by a post-secondary educational institution or by successfully completing four (4) continuing education units in Ethics offered by a continuing education provider recognized by a California healthcare board.

(f) One (1) month of clinical service shall be waived for each month of licensed clinical practice in another state up to the required total of nine (9) months.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 2615, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2650 and 2653, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY

1. New section filed 12-9-2004; operative 1-8-2005 (Register 2004, No. 50).