

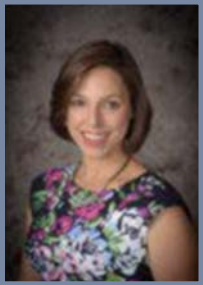


Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Renewals are here—don't delay! Licensees are encouraged to renew in February. Not only does renewing early allow enough time to resolve unforeseen issues that may arise during your renewal application, but this year there is an added benefit to licensees who renew in February. The Board revised the Course Review Requirements rule last year to accept continuing education course applications for review until March 1 of the licensee's renewal period (Rule §193.F.(3)). The renewal period ends March 31st. Those who renew in the month of April will pay a \$400 renewal fee and even-year birth year licenses not renewed expire on April 30th.

In this newsletter, read the Chairman's report on Page (6) for a sneak peek to the 2018 Rules Revision that the Board is proposing to the state and insights to the thought process of the board members when revising the Rules. Also notice new board member, advisory committee member, and staff member names listed throughout the newsletter. If you recognize any of the names, please reach out and thank them for their willingness to serve in this role.

Charlotte Martin, M.P.A.
Executive Director

CURRENT BOARD

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term</u>
Patrick Cook, PT Chairman	Sept 2018
Karl Kleinpeter, PT Secretary/Treasurer	Sept 2020
Kristina Lounsberry, PT	July 2018
Judith Halverson, PT	July 2019
Craig Prejean, PTA	Sept 2019
Julie Harris, PT	Dec 2019
Meredith Warner, M.D.	Jan 2021

RENEWALS ARE HERE!

The license renewal period begins February 1, 2018 for all EVEN-YEAR birth year licensees.
See Pages 2—5 of this newsletter for a helpful renewal guide.

LICENSE RENEWALS: FAQ'S

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED!

Who renews in 2018?

Licensees who were born in an even-numbered year will renew during the renewal period in 2018.

When do I renew?

The renewal period is from February 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018 (Rule §181.B.).

Can I renew after March 31, 2018?

Yes, even-numbered birth year licenses do not expire until April 30, 2018. Renewal applications received between April 1st and April 30th shall be assessed a \$400 fee, which includes the two year license renewal fee (\$280) plus a late fee of \$120 that is to be paid *in addition* to the renewal fee (Rule §181.B.).

How do I renew?

Licensees can renew online through the board's website at www.laptboard.org. (Follow the instructions found on Page 3 of this newsletter.) Upon written request to the board, a renewal application can be sent by mail or email.

What is the cost to renew?

Renewal applications received from February 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018 shall be assessed a renewal fee of \$280 (Rule §181.B.). Renewal applications received in April shall be assessed a fee of \$400 (\$280 + \$120 late fee).

What happens if I didn't renew by April 30, 2018?

Renewal applications received after April 30th shall be deemed as applications for license reinstatement pursuant to Rule §187. Licensees who practice with an expired license are subject to disciplinary action.

What if I intentionally did not renew my license?

If you no longer wish to practice physical therapy in the state of Louisiana, you may allow your license to expire. Simply complete the Notice of Non-Renewal Form and submit it to the board before your license expiration date, April 30, 2018. The form can be found on the board's website at www.laptboard.org/non-renewal.

I'm confused about how to report my continuing education.

Licensees need 30 hours of board-approved continuing education courses per biennial renewal period, unless exempt by Rule §198. All courses must be completed between April 1, 2016 — March 31, 2018. A breakdown of the hour requirements is detailed on the Page 3 of this newsletter.

FEE SCHEDULE

\$280 February 1, 2018—March 31, 2018 Renewals
\$280.00 fee total. \$140 renewal fee per year.

\$400 April 1, 2018—April 31, 2018 Renewals
\$120 late fee is paid in addition to the renewal fee.

LICENSE RENEWALS: STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

STEP 1: LOG IN TO YOUR ACCOUNT

If you have an existing account, log in by going to www.laptboard.org/login. If you do not have an account, you may register for one at www.laptboard.org/register. Having trouble getting to your dashboard? Call the board office and we are happy to help!

STEP 2: REVIEW CONTACT INFORMATION

Changes to licensee information must be reported to the board within 30 days of such change (Rule §317.A.). Licensees may change information on their dashboard or send in a change of address form. If you have any trouble updating your information, please contact the board office and we can update it for you!

STEP 3: CONFIRM TIMEFRAMES

Make sure you are renewing in the correct year and that you are reporting CE courses that fall within the correct timeframe allowed for renewals!

Renewal Year	Licensees Due to Renew	Course Dates Allowed for Renewal
2018 (Feb 1-Mar 31)	EVEN-YEAR Birth Year	04/01/2016—03/31/2018

STEP 4: REPORT CONTINUING EDUCATION

Report your CEs by clicking the “Add a Course” button in the Continuing Education section of your dashboard. Choose your courses from the dropdown list. If you do not see a course listed, first check to make sure the course was approved by the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board by reviewing your certificate of completion or contacting the sponsor. If you need further assistance, please contact the board office. Only courses that are applicable to the current renewal period should be listed under “Current Courses.” Courses should automatically archive if (1) the course does not fall within the current renewal timeframe, or (2) the course has been used in a previous renewal.

Course sponsor, [Cross Country Education](#), has changed their name to [Vyne Education](#)

STEP 5: RENEW ONLINE

From your dashboard, click the link, “Renew License” and proceed to the online renewal application. If you can not find the link, go to www.laptboard.org/renew. Part 1 of the renewal form submission will allow you to review reported information. Carefully review current contact information and renewal coursework for accuracy prior to continuing. Part 2 of the renewal form submission is the questionnaire. Read each question carefully and answer truthfully to the Board.

STEP 6: PAY AND SUBMIT

Renewal forms submitted from 2/1/2018 through 3/31/2018 will require a \$280.00 online payment. Renewal forms submitted in the month of April will require a \$400 online payment. This step must be completed to process your application. If you do not wish to submit payment online, you will need to submit a written request to the Board for a paper application to the Board. Paper applications are accepted at the board office but must be accompanied by a Money Order. The same fee schedule applies.

STEP 7: CONFIRM

Check your license expiration date on the board website. If your application was submitted properly, your expiration date should be 4/30/2020. *Call the board office immediately if you see that it's not.*

LICENSE RENEWALS: CEU REQUIREMENTS

CE REQUIREMENTS (RULE §194)

Licensees may only report BOARD-APPROVED courses that were *completed* April 1, 2016 — March 31, 2018. 30 HOURS of continuing education is required to renew, unless exemptions apply (Rule §198)

COURSE CATEGORIES — *what a course will teach*

Administrative - addresses billing or management issues; includes self-help courses
(NOT mandatory; **maximum of 8 hours**)

Clinical - teaches about a diagnosis, treatment techniques or evaluation methods
(MANDATORY; **at least 18 hours**; *can be either live and/or online*)

Ethics - covers issues of ethics or professionalism
(MANDATORY; **2 hours**)

Jurisprudence - attend a live seminar hosted by the Board or pass the online Exam
(MANDATORY; **2 hours**; *online exam counts as live hours*)

COURSE TYPES — *how a course is offered*

Traditional/Onsite - lecture or lab based course; instructor is physically present
(MANDATORY; **minimum 15 hours**)

Online/Home Study - not instructed in live time (ex: DVDs or selected readings)
(NOT mandatory; **maximum 15 hours**; *in combination with webinar/live stream*)

Webinar/Live Stream - real time by an instructor not physically present; (ex: website)
(NOT mandatory; **maximum 15 hours**; *in combination with online*)

EXCEPTIONS (RULE §198)

1. New Graduates

If you graduated in 2017 → 0 hours of CEUs to report

Although you do not need to report any hours, you are still required to renew online. Log into your Dashboard. Click on “Add a Course”. Select the sponsor, “Louisiana Physical Therapy Board”. Add the course titled, “New Graduate 2017”. Enter your graduation date in the “Award Month/Year” field. Click “Submit”.

If graduated in 2016 → 15 hours of CEUs to report

2 hours of Jurisprudence (online exam or live seminar)

2 hours of Ethics/Professionalism

11 hours of Clinical/ Preventative (live and/or online)

Note: up to 4 hours of Administrative can be substituted for Clinical

The system requires 30 hrs to renew. Follow these steps to meet the requirement and add 15 hrs to your course list. Log into your Dashboard. Click on “Add a Course”. Select the sponsor, “Louisiana Physical Therapy Board”. Add the course titled, “New Graduate 2017”. Enter your graduation date in the “Award Month/Year” field. Click “Submit”.

2. Other 2017 New Licensees (Reciprocity or Reinstatement)

**** Does NOT apply to New Graduates ****

If licensed through Reciprocity or Reinstatement in 2017 → 15 hours of CEUs to report

2 hours of Jurisprudence (online exam or live seminar)

2 hours of Ethics/Professionalism

11 hours of Clinical/ Preventative (live and/or online)

Note: up to 4 hours of Administrative can be substituted for Clinical

** The system requires 30 hrs to renew. Follow these steps to meet the requirement and add 15 hrs to your course list. Log into your Dashboard. Click on “Add a Course”. Select the sponsor, “Louisiana Physical Therapy Board”. Add the course titled, “Licensed through Reciprocity in 2017 (Renewing 2018)” or “Licensed through Reinstatement in 2017 (Renewing 2018)” Enter the month and year that you were licensed in the “Award Month/Year” field. Click “Submit”.*

LICENSE RENEWALS: CEU REQUIREMENTS

OTHER CE EXEMPTIONS (RULE §198)

Licensees unable to fulfill the continuing education requirements for the biennial reporting period due to personal hardship, natural disaster, illness, or military service may submit a request for Continuing Education Exemption. Be advised that exemption requests must be received at least 45 days prior to the end of the renewal period for which the exemption is sought, or immediately after the licensee becomes aware of the facts or circumstances upon which the exemption is sought, whichever is later. For more information, go to <https://www.laptboard.org/page/CEExemptions>.

OTHER OPTIONS TO EARN CE'S (RULE §195)

- Write an article
 - Go back to school
 - Serve as the primary Clinical Instructor for PT/PTA students or provisional licensees
 - Mentor PTs in residency and fellowship programs
 - Serve in an elected position of a PT organization
 - Teach an approved clinical or preventive course or activity
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ONLINE RESOURCES FOR LICENSE RENEWALS

- [Notice of Non-Renewal of License Form](#)
- [Quick Reference Guide for 2018 Renewals](#)
- [Continuing Education Reference Guide](#)

IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING RENEWALS

WALLET CARDS HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED

The Board no longer issues wallet cards following renewals or initial licensure. License status may be verified on the Board's website by using the search option on the Home page, or by logging in to your Dashboard.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



This Spring the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board is planning to file a comprehensive Rules Revision in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act and proper legislative oversight. The majority of the changes will reduce redundancy in statute and rule and to clean-up language in Rule; however, there are a few changes that are substantial to the regulation of the profession. The Rules Revision is expected to be published in the Louisiana State Register this Spring. Please take time to review the entire Rule Revision document, as the highlights below are not a comprehensive reflection of changes that are proposed. And be sure to contact the board office with questions, concerns or thoughts.

TELEHEALTH (§318)

The Louisiana Telehealth Access Act (La R.S. 40:1223.1 *et seq*) allows health providers in Louisiana to deliver services remotely with the same standard of care as if the services were provided in person. The intention of the legislature through enacting this law was to enhance access to care in rural locations and medically underserved areas, creating a cost-effective model for patients, and distributing limited provider resources efficiently. The goal is to achieve improvement in health outcomes while balancing patient safety and access to care. The board's role is to regulate physical therapists who have found opportunities to deliver care remotely and to ensure patient safety through the process. The board encourages licensees who are interested in delivering care remotely through telehealth to read the language of the law carefully and call the board office with questions. The board will require that licensees also document procedures to address remote medical or clinical emergencies at the patient's location during the provision of telehealth services. This is to ensure the safety of the patient.

INACTIVE STATUS (§123 DEFINITIONS AND §180)

The Board is proposing a new license status: Inactive. Currently, licensees have the option to maintain an Active status through the renewal process. Currently, if a license is not renewed, the license status changes to Expired. By providing for an "Inactive" status, individuals who are not currently practicing in Louisiana will have the option to maintain their Louisiana license without having to meet the CE requirements of the renewal. They will need to continue to renew their license each renewal period to maintain "Inactive" status, but will be exempt from Louisiana CE requirements until they practice in Louisiana again at which time they will need an "Active" license.

EXEMPTIONS (§325)

The board is proposing an amendment to Rule §325, Exemptions. The amendment will allow individuals who are licensed in good standing in another jurisdiction or credentialed in good standing in another country exemption from licensure when coming to Louisiana for a limited period of time to teach or participate in an educational seminar, for a post professional residency or fellowship program in Louisiana, and to practice on patients or clients affiliated with or employed by established athletic teams or organizations or performing arts companies that are temporarily practicing, competing or performing in Louisiana.

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT (§345)

The board is proposing structural changes to the Unprofessional Conduct rule, moving the current language as it exists from Rule §373 Violations to Rule §345 Unprofessional Conduct, to help the licensees navigate the Rules better. However, there is a substantial change to the Rule. The Board is proposing adding the following, "*failure to notify the board of a felony arrest or arrest related to habitual intemperance as defined in §351, institution of formal criminal charges either by Indictment or Bill of Information, and conviction, including, but not limited to, a guilty plea or a plea of nolo contendere, within seven (7) days of such arrest, criminal charge, or conviction.*" The justification for adding this to the Rule is that licensees are subject to disciplinary action for a felony conviction or habitual intemperance or abuse of controlled dangerous substances (La R.S. 37:2420). The rules do not clearly explain how a licensee should report such convictions. This addition to Rule is the board's effort in trying to provide guidance to licensees on how to report these to the Board.

Patrick Cook, PT, MPT, OCS, FAAOMPT
Board Chairman

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD!

Dr. Warner was nominated by the Louisiana Medical Society and appointed by Governor John Bel Edwards on January 5, 2018. She will serve on the Board for a three-year term expiring on January 4, 2021.



Dr. Warner is a board certified Orthopedic surgeon, fellowship trained in complex foot and ankle reconstruction, practicing in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Dr. Warner started her private practice, Warner Orthopedics and Wellness, in April 2013 and is an expert in general orthopedic medicine, care of the injured worker, the treatment of complex foot and ankle injuries and the non-operative treatment of the spine.

Prior to arriving in Baton Rouge, she served as a Major in the United States Air Force with two deployments; she served in Iraq and Afghanistan performing combat surgery. Dr. Warner also performed surgery on a disaster relief mission to Haiti in January 2010. Upon her arrival to Louisiana, she entered into the executive MBA program at Louisiana State University and completed her degree in the winter of 2010. Dr. Warner is committed to offering her patients an accurate diagnosis and comprehensive treatment plan in order to get them back to the most functional and best life possible. Dr. Meredith Warner graduated with honors from the Medical Scholars Program at the University of Delaware and earned her medical degree from Thomas Jefferson University Medical School in Philadelphia, PA. She completed an internship in General Surgery and an Orthopedic surgery residency at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans, LA, and her fellowship in foot and ankle reconstruction at University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, TX. She has trained extensively in spine intervention techniques.

Ms. Judith Halverson, PT was nominated by the Louisiana Hospital Association and appointed by Governor John Bel Edwards on January 12, 2018. She will serve on the Board until the expiration of her term, which is July 11, 2019. Judith has over 34 years of experience as a physical therapist. She is currently the Education Coordinator for Ochsner Therapy and Wellness in New Orleans. As Education Coordinator, she designs competency training and continuing education programs for clinicians and support staff to enhance the care provided to patients. Judith received her Bachelor of Arts in Biology in 1981 from Luther College in Iowa. She received a Certificate in Physical Therapy from the University of Iowa in 1983. In 1998, she received a Master of Health Administration degree from the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. Judith received a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Utica College in 2017.



She serves as a guest lecturer for the LSU Physical Therapy program in New Orleans with an emphasis on Billing and Payment, Advocacy and Professionalism, and Administration. Judith's physical therapy practice through her career has been primarily in the outpatient environment, but has also included long term care and home health. Her primary focus has been on the geriatric population. Her quest as a physical therapist is to ensure that her patients and clients reach their highest functional potential and independence in their environments. She is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association and the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association. When she is not working, Judith enjoys spending time with her husband Tom who an antique broker, in her gardens, bicycling, or participating in other outdoor fitness activities. She is active in her church as a choir member.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

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Angela Archer, PTA A7442, Benton, LA; Administrative Complaint 2017-I-023.

Licensee engaged in diversion of a patient's prescribed medication during physical therapy home health visits. License is suspended until satisfactory completion of psychological and substance abuse evaluation with which evaluation report states that licensee is safe to return to the practice of physical therapy and fit for duty. During license probationary period, licensee shall not seek or accept work in a home health setting, shall provide a copy of her consent order to her employers, supervisors, and co-workers, shall participate in random drug screens, follow all terms of a Participation Agreement through the Recovering Physical Therapy Program and comply with other license restrictions.

Steven Schwab PT 09497R; Monroe, LA; Administrative Complaint 2017-I-032.

Licensee engaged in diversion of a patient's prescribed medication during physical therapy home health visits. License is suspended for a minimum period of six months. During license probationary period, licensee shall not seek or accept work in a home health setting, shall provide a copy of his consent order to his employers, supervisors, and co-workers, shall participate in random drug screens, follow all terms of a Participation Agreement through the Recovering Physical Therapy Program and comply with other license restrictions.

Emanuel Antunez, PTA A9255, Metairie, LA. Administrative Complaint No. 2017-I-036.

Licensee falsely created a medical record, documented a service not provided, and attempted to bill a service not performed. Licensee shall not work for or in a home health setting for the first year of his probationary period. During entire probationary period, licensee shall notify his employer/supervisor of his consent order prior to providing services, complete additional continuing education credits in addition to the biennial renewal requirements, and comply with other restrictions.

OTHER BOARD ACTION

Odie Hughes, PTA A09799, Bogalusa, LA. Administrative Hearing Order.

Applicant was issued a restricted license to practice as a physical therapist assistant. License restrictions include the following: licensee shall be monitored for a minimum of three (3) years, licensee shall abstain from the use and ingestion by any means of alcohol and mood altering substances and follow all terms of a Participation Agreement through the Recovering Physical Therapy Program.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chris Franks, PT
Lake Charles

Joe Guthrie, PT
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Phillip Page, PT
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Jeremy Dye, PT
Shreveport

Nicholas Butler, PT
Monroe

Tyra Mitchell, PT
New Orleans

THE BOARD WELCOMES A NEW STAFF MEMBER, JESSICA ALWELL!

The board is excited to welcome Jessica Alwell, Assistant Executive Director. Jessica has first-hand experience working directly in an outpatient physical therapy clinic where she developed an understanding of the practice and regulation of physical therapy. Armed with a Master's in Human Resource Education, she brings a unique skillset to the office staff. We know she will be a tremendous asset to the board office and are excited to have had her training in-house since January 22, 2018.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



BOARD MEETINGS 2018 SCHEDULE

March

Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 4:00 pm

June

Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 4:00 pm

August

Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 4:00 pm

September

Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 4:00 pm

October

Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 4:00 pm

December

Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 4:00 pm

*Board Meeting time and dates are subject to change.
Check our website for the most up-to-date information.
www.laptboard.org/Meetings*

TRAVELING JURISPRUDENCE 2018 SCHEDULE

The Board will hold two live Jurisprudence seminars this year. To register for a live Jurisprudence Seminar, email your name, license number, and desired Jurisprudence location to ceu@laptboard.org. Your certificate will be emailed to you following the completion of the seminar.

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Lafayette

1:00pm-3:00pm

In conjunction with the LPTA SPRING Meeting

Sunday, August 26, 2018

Baton Rouge

1:00pm-3:00pm

In conjunction with the LPTA FALL Meeting

*Additional dates and locations may be added; please check our website for the most up-to-date information.
www.laptboard.org/JPLive*

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