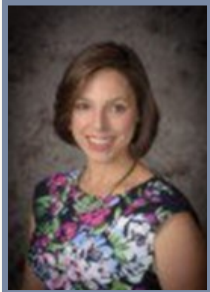




NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2022



Message from the Director

For the remainder of 2022, we will be working on several website improvements at the board office. First, there are several changes in the area of continuing education. Licensees and course sponsors can expect an updated continuing education application if you are submitting for course approval. The Board approved upgrading the CE Audit functionality of our website with the goal of having a completely paperless process for the CE Audit in 2023. We are also working on adding course fees paid to the board to be viewed and receipts printed from the course sponsor dashboard. The goal of the changes is to improve efficiencies in the review process while also improving the experience of the user.

We are also working on other changes to the website. You will see an improvement to the way that you and the public can view Board Orders, and there will be an advanced invoicing functioning to be able to request outstanding debt from applicants and licensees, and licensees can expect to see an option on their dashboard for mailing list preferences.

At the board office we are constantly assessing how we are doing and looking for ways to improve. If you have ideas on improvements to the website, or any other improvements, please reach out to us and let us know. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Charlotte Martin, M.P.A.
Executive Director

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
Judith Halverson, PT Chairman	Jan 2024
Kathryn Brittain, PT Secretary/Treasurer	Sept 2024
Meredith Warner, M.D.	Jan 2024
Phillip Page, PT	Sept 2024
John Marius, PTA	July 2023
Oday Lavergne, PT	July 2023
Tyra Mitchell, PT	Sept 2023

Consumer Member Vacancy

Know someone who may be interested in public service?

The Consumer board member position is currently open. If you know someone who may be interested, please direct them [here](#). Visit our [Get Involved](#) page to learn about the Board's roles and responsibilities.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Judith Halverson, PT, Chairman of the Board



Welcome to 2022! It was an eventful past year, and the Board is delighted for the new year and a fresh start. With a new year, comes new objectives. The Board is passionate about taking proactive measures to address the concerns and needs of both the public and licensees. You have hopefully seen your new dashboard by now. Make sure to check out the guide in this newsletter for using the new features. We anticipate that these new features will provide for an improved user experience overall. One proactive step the Board took in 2021 was to have an organizational assessment conducted. As a result of the assessment, four taskforces were created to address needs and concerns. I'm excited to share with you some highlights.

Government Relations and Public Policy Taskforce – This taskforce was established to expand engagement on public policy and government relations efforts. As a state entity, the Board does not lobby. Instead, the Board is available to educate lawmakers and the public. This taskforce is responsible for research and monitoring of the Practice Act and scope of practice issues, which includes a review of national healthcare trends and rulemaking. The taskforce also highlighted a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion designed to strengthen the Board organization and operations.

Discipline Taskforce – The main goal of this taskforce was to redefine the discipline function. The taskforce accomplished this by continuing with recent internal efforts to refine processes, to expand those efforts by utilizing contract experts and further develop staff member roles. Through these activities, the intention is to improve consistency and efficiency in disciplinary processes and decision-making.

Real Estate Taskforce – This taskforce was established to conduct a search for a better-suited site for the Board office when the current lease ends. The office will remain domiciled in Lafayette as is established by the Practice Act. Functionality of the Board office is essential as the Board grows in its volume of work and staffing needed to support the licensees. Finding a location and space which suits both the current and future needs of the office is the goal.

IT Taskforce – This taskforce provided the board with recommendations for investments that will improve office security, technology, and resources. One major result of this was upgrading the office's telephone systems, which allowed staff to take phone calls from their desk phones during working hours, even while traveling for work. The website has also seen changes to address the growing needs of our licensees and the public, and will continue to do so.

We look forward to the continuing implementation of these recommendations throughout the year. The Board serves our licensees and the public to answer questions and regulate the profession, being responsive to the changing healthcare environments. Additionally, the Board continues to be a sound resource for the public and our licensees to promote safe and healthy physical therapy practices. We appreciate your thoughtful input when you speak to our staff members. We encourage your involvement through contacting the Board and attending Board meetings. Virtual attendance to Board meetings is now permanent, allowing everyone who has interest to attend Board meetings. In addition, you can read the latest board Minutes on the board website found under the Resources tab.

Stay well and we look forward to more exciting work in 2022.

Judith Halverson, PT, DPT, MHA
Chairman of the Board

New Dashboard Experience

The licensee dashboard is now organized by tabs to make information easier to find. The main landing tab is My Info. Here you will see your license information, education, and access the Jurisprudence exam.

The screenshot shows the 'MY INFO' tab selected. The user is Amanda Lafleur, License #: 10. The dashboard is divided into several sections: ACCOUNT INFO (with an address in Baton Rouge, LA), LICENSE INFO (Licensed Physical Therapist, ACTIVE status, effective date 01.01.1995, expiration date 04.30.2022), EDUCATION (N/A), and EXAMINATION (Jurisprudence Exam with a 'Take IP Exam' button).

Next is the Employment tab. A new feature here will allow licensees to provide up to two (2) employers. Per Rule, licensees are required to update their employment information within 30 days of such change.

The screenshot shows the 'EMPLOYMENT' tab selected. It displays 'Current Employment' with two entries: PRIMARY and SECONDARY. Each entry includes fields for employer name, street address, suite, city, state, ZIP, parish, and phone number. There are 'EDIT' buttons for each entry and an 'Add Employment Info' button.

The CEU tab is next. No changes have been made to the functionality. Licensees will still input their courses the same way as they always have. Viewing archived courses will look different. To view past coursework, simply click the white button next to "Add Course" to toggle to archived courses.

The screenshot shows the 'CEU' tab selected. It displays the 'Current Renewal Year' with a dropdown menu set to 'Current' and buttons for 'Add Course' and 'CE Approval Form'. Below is a table for 'COURSE TITLE' and 'CREDIT HOURS'. The table shows 'No courses found.' and a summary row: 'Current Hours 0 hrs' and 'Total Hours Needed for Renewal 30 hrs'.

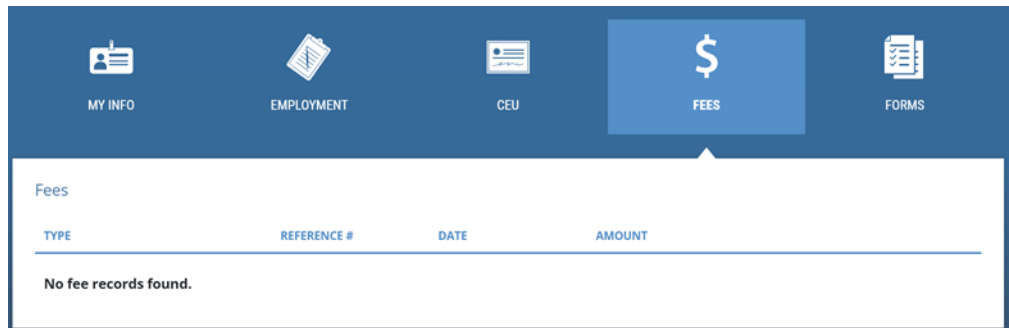
New Dashboard Experience

CEU Progress

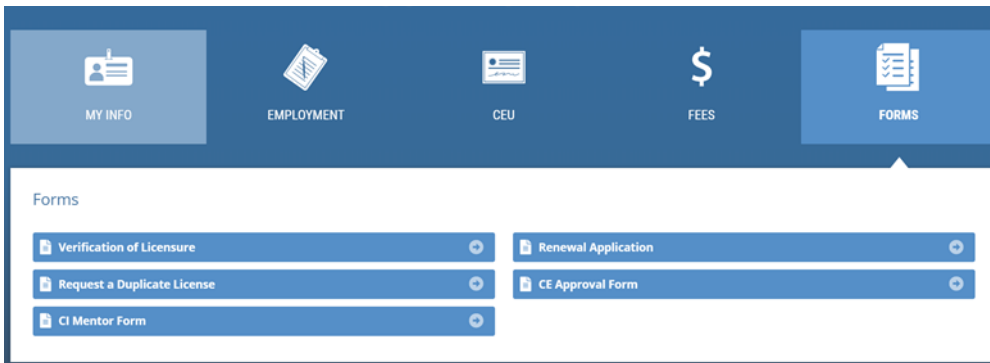
CATEGORY	PROGRESS	CURRENT HRS	MINIMUM HRS
Clinical or Admin	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="width: 100%;"></div></div>	42 hrs	26 hrs
Jurisprudence	<div style="width: 0%;"><div style="width: 0%;"></div></div>	0 hrs	2 hrs
Ethics	<div style="width: 0%;"><div style="width: 0%;"></div></div>	0 hrs	2 hrs

Also new to the CEU tab is the CEU Progress tracker. This tracker will show licensees how many hours they have in each category. It will also show the minimum required to renew.

The Fees tab is a new feature. The Fees tab will now allow licensees to access receipts for all payments made to the Board via their dashboard. Licensees can print proof of payment for transactions like license renewal, individual course approval, and duplicate license requests.



TYPE	REFERENCE #	DATE	AMOUNT
No fee records found.			



- Verification of Licensure
- Request a Duplicate License
- CI Mentor Form
- Renewal Application
- CE Approval Form

Lastly, is the Forms tab. All application forms will now be located here, including the license renewal form.

If you've not already, we encourage all licensees to login to their dashboard to review the new features. If you encounter an error with features not loading, merely clear your browser history/cache to resolve the issues. Any questions can be directed to Jessica@laptboard.org.

RECENT BOARD ACTIONS

**Peter Torpy, 02714, Lafayette, LA
Administrative Complaint 2021-I-024**

Acknowledges that he practiced physical therapy after the expiration of his temporary license. Applicant was completing a period of supervised clinical practice and as a requirement of reinstatement, which had been expired for a period of more than 4 years. Applicant acknowledges that he practiced physical therapy for one day in Louisiana on November 12, 2021 without a valid license. Applicant has now applied for reinstatement of his license. He agrees to the following terms and conditions with the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board. Applicant provided documentation that is satisfactory to the board with this agreement which reflect that all charges to patient accounts have been reversed for all treatments provided by the applicant during the period when he was not licensed.

**José Garcia, PTA A09801, New Orleans
Administrative Complaint No. 2018-I-036**

On or about November 24, 2020, the criminal case related to the initial arrest related to indecent behavior with a juvenile was resolved with a misdemeanor guilty plea. On January 6, 2022 consent agreement and board order was signed in which Mr. Garcia shall be placed on probation for a minimum of three years, in which time he shall undergo individual counseling . During the probationary period, Mr. Garcia shall have no contact with physical therapy patients under the age of eighteen. Mr. Garcia shall cooperate with random unannounced monitoring visits to his work site. Mr. Garcia shall provide a copy of his consent order to employer, supervisor, and any personnel he supervises, work with or contracts with.

**Mario Mackay, PTA License No. A4482, Hammond, LA
Administrative Complaint No. 2021-I-019**

Mr. Mackay's license expired and became void on April 30, 2021 for failure to satisfy the continuing education requirements for license renewal. Before the PTA license of Mario Mackay can be considered for reinstatement, Mario Mackay, prior to the next renewal date of April 30, 2023, shall take and pass the Physical Therapist Assistant licensing examination. Passage of the examination will fulfill the continuing education requirement for the year the non-compliance occurred but shall not be applicable for any subsequent reporting period(s). Therefore com-

pliance with all requirements for the 2023 renewal period shall be met. In the event the license is reinstated after successful completion of this Order, Mario Mackay shall mandatorily comply with continuing education audits for three (3) subsequent renewal periods. Failure to meet the requirements of this Order by April 30, 2023 shall result in revocation of his license.

Carlo de Castro, PT License No. 09047F, Brooklyn, New York

Administrative Complaint No. 2021-I-018

Mr. De Castro's license expired and became void on April 30, 2021 for failure to satisfy the continuing education requirements for license renewal. Before the PT license of Carlo de Castro can be considered for reinstatement, Carlo de Castro prior to the next renewal date of April 30, 2023, shall take and pass the Physical Therapy licensing examination. Passage of the examination will fulfill the continuing education requirement for the year the non-compliance occurred but shall not be applicable for any subsequent reporting period(s). In the event the license is reinstated after successful completion of this Order, Carlo de Castro shall mandatorily comply with continuing education audits for three (3) subsequent renewal periods. Failure to meet the requirements of this Order by April 30, 2023 shall result in revocation of his license.

**Anthony Tipton, PTA License No. A8401, Vidalia, Louisiana
Administrative Complaint No. 2016-I-021**

Mr. Tipton was arrested on or about May 31, 2016 for repeatedly raping an eight year old for six months prior to the arrest. On or about January 17, 2017, Mr. Tipton was indicated and charged with first degree rape upon a victim under the age of 13; molestation of a juvenile under the age of 13, and sexual battery of a juvenile under the age of 13. Mr. Tipton was found guilty on or about October 30, 2021 by jury verdict. Mr. Tipton's license to practice as a physical therapist assistant in Louisiana has been permanently revoked without opportunity to reinstate.

ACADEMIC CORNER

With a new graduation season on the horizon, the board decided to ask the academic programs in Louisiana what they would like to tell employers about their students as they prepare to graduate. Here's what two of the PTA programs shared with us:

From Susan Welsh, PT, PhD at Delgado Community College

The Delgado Physical Therapist Assistant Program would like employers to know that PTA Program graduates are competent, caring, responsible, and ethical practitioners who:

- have demonstrated entry level competency in PT interventions and data-collection skills prior to graduation.
- can repeat many tests performed by the PT in the Initial Evaluation to provide the PT with current objective data.
- can perform and progress interventions within the Plan of Care provided by the physical therapist.
- will communicate changes in patient status that require reassessment by the PT and interventions in the POC that are beyond their scope of practice.
- have been introduced to techniques, equipment and practices that reflect the state of PT practice.
- have completed clinical case studies that foster critical thinking, treatment planning and communication.
- can effectively communicate (verbal and written documentation) as a member of the inter-professional team caring for the patient.
- are prepared to understand and apply the Louisiana Practice Act and Rules to their PTA practice.
- understand the importance of staying up to date in PT research and communicating that information to peers to promote contemporary evidence-based practice.
- are prepared to demonstrate lifelong learning through continuing education, service to the profession, and maintenance of PTA licensure.
- We are hosting a Career Day for this class April 21,1-5 pm. Contact Susan Welsh, swelsh1@dcc.edu, for more information.

Delgado Community College PTA Program students complete the program July 20, 2022.

From April Graham, PTA, BS at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University

Here at FranU, the PTA Program strives for our students to have a well-rounded overall classroom education and clinical experiences, so that they are ready to enter into any chosen setting upon graduation. We also integrate simulated learning experiences in our SETH lab so that students can improve their communication strategies, understand other disciplines' roles, and develop practical skills. The program relies on fast-paced learning throughout the summer and fall semesters as it emphasizes the foundational information, while encompassing above entry-level topics and specialization topics in the spring semester. Although FranU PTA students are well equipped with didactic and clinical knowledge, we encourage them to look for good mentorship programs while seeking potential jobs. We instill in our students to be continuous learners and to strive to achieve superior skills.

CONSUMER MEMBER

Do you know someone who may be interested in public service? The Consumer board member position is currently open.

The consumer member must possess the following qualifications:

- ◆ be a United States citizen,
- ◆ never have been licensed by any licensing boards pursuant to R.S. 36:259(A), nor can their spouse ever have been licensed by any boards,
- ◆ have no felony convictions,
- ◆ and can have no material financial interest in any healthcare profession.

If you know someone who may be interested, please direct them [here](#) to apply.

To learn more about what being a board member entails, please watch the video from our website by clicking the image below:



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UPCOMING EVENTS



BOARD MEETINGS 2022 SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Wednesday, September 17, 2022

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

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

LIVE JURISPRUDENCE

2022 SCHEDULE

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.

Please click on the schedule below to see current live jurisprudence offerings for 2022. Due to the interest and success of the virtual options, the Board will also continue to utilize this medium.

[Click here to view the 2022 Schedule](#)

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