



## Chairman's Message

by  
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One of the privileges of the Chair of the Board of PT Examiners is to write an article! This year it is my opportunity, as I am now completing the last year of my second three-year term. As you may know, an individual is only able to complete two consecutive terms, which allows others to have the opportunity and honor to serve. My thoughts on the topic of the article have been varied, but I finally decided to speak to the profession of Physical Therapy as I have experienced it, over this past 43 years.

Having enlisted in the military at 17, serving 5 years, I was a bit older than the average freshman. At first I was a Biology major, but in 1968 I was accepted into the P.T. program at the State University of NY at Buffalo, graduating in 1970.

At that time, there was no Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, there was no National PT Exam, and the American Medical Association oversaw the PT profession. The exam, taken in NY, was a paper & pencil 3 day long experience and included an oral exam! We had to wait for a month or so, before we received results.

My professional career began in Bronx, NY, working in a city hospital. At that time, the professional man wore white bucks (shoes), white pants and a tunic that snapped up on the right side and then onto the shoulder, like Ben Casey wore. (Old TV character). Women wore white dresses, and the hem had to be below the tibial tuberosity (at least while in PT school – it came up once graduation occurred). PT's were given prescriptions, not referrals, and there was no such thing as "independent practice."

There were not many OT's, and at that time, their therapeutic activities revolved around arts and crafts – pottery, painting, wood work, etc – patients that needed a sliding board often made their own, as a form

of therapy. The profession of OT evolved into what is the present practice, which is frequently what PT did in the past. The arts and crafts were absorbed by Therapeutic Recreational Specialists. Respiratory Therapy mainly dealt with respirators and PT's performed pulmonary therapy.

During the mid 1970's the APTA was able to effect a change, where the AMA did not have oversight of the profession. In NC, the Practice Act was revised in 1979 and 1985, and in the mid 1990's, some forward thinking PT's organized the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. At that time the National PT Exam (NPTE) was done on computer, took only a day, and

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# What's This Got To Do With Physical Therapy?

by  
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The most important provision of North Carolina's Physical Therapy Practice Act is found in N.C.G.S. § 90-270.26, which lists the powers of the Board. Since the enactment of the first Physical Therapy Practice Act in 1951, the powers of the Board have remained relatively constant, but the responsibilities of the Board have grown exponentially. Remarkably, the Board has only had 2 executive officers over the course of its existence, Conny Peake and Ben Massey. As the number of applicants, licensees and investigations have increased, and as new requirements for the adoption of rules and for licensees to demonstrate continuing competence have been implemented, the responsibilities of the Board staff have expanded. From its beginnings in Conny's basement, the Board staff has grown to 5 full time positions with outside experts retained for continuing competence, investigations, rules review, computer programming and legal assistance.

Not only is the practice of physical therapy very different today than it was in 1951, the Board also has responsibilities that are totally unrelated to the practice of physical therapy, but are of utmost importance to ensuring that the Board protects the public health, safety and welfare. Chapter 150B is North Carolina's Administrative Procedure Act, which governs the requirements and mechanisms for adopting rules, as well as the procedural requirements for contested case hearings before the Board. While the Administrative Procedure Act has been in existence for more than 35 years, it is continually reviewed and restated by the General Assembly, necessitating familiarity with its terms by the members of the Board, the Executive Director and the Board's Attorney. In fact, the rulemaking proceedings have become so specialized, the Board utilizes a consultant to monitor the drafting and filing of proposed rules so that the

process of review by the Rules Review Commission will be based on the merits of the rules, not whether the technical requirements of filing have been met.

N.C.G.S. § 90-400 et. seq. makes it unlawful under North Carolina law to make a referral for financial gain or compensation. It is also unlawful for any health care provider in North Carolina to directly solicit any person for a period of 90 days following an injury or the onset of disease or infirmity if the purpose of this solicitation is to secure the person as a patient. The discipline for violating these provisions is the responsibility of the health care provider's licensing board.

Chapter 93B of the North Carolina General Statutes contains general provisions that apply to all occupational licensing boards in North Carolina. Subjects addressed include compensation for board members, use of funds for lobbying, rental of office space, examination procedures and child support enforcement requirements. As an example, since the Board is a state agency, whenever it needs to renew its lease or expand its office space, it must work closely with the State Property Office to ensure that the space requirements and lease payments comply with state law.

Chapter 132 of the General Statutes defines "public records" very broadly to include virtually all materials furnished to or by the Board, except for information obtained while a complaint against a licensee is being investigated for violation of the Practice Act or the Board's Rules. There are other exceptions for matters involving confidential communications between legal counsel and the agency, and for social security numbers provided to the Board, but most of the information received by or sent from the Board is public record.

Article 33C of Chapter 143 of the North Carolina General Statutes makes most meetings of the Board open to the public. Closed sessions are allowed under limited circumstances to consult with an attorney regarding pending litigation or to discuss specific employment performance as distinguished from general personnel policies. All meetings of the Board are open to the public, and it is not unusual for interested parties to attend portions of each Board meeting.

A recent addition to the Board's responsibilities that is not directly related to the practice of physical therapy would be the requirements placed on Board members and employees by the State Government Ethics Act, which was adopted in 2008. Pursuant to Chapter 130A of the North Carolina General Statutes, Board members must be appropriately trained before becoming eligible to serve on the Board. Board members must file financial statements annually, and every 2 years, a refresher course must be completed. The Ethics Act requires Board members to recuse themselves from participating in discussions or votes on topics in which they might have a personal or financial interest.

It is obvious that the Board's plate is much more full than it was in 1951. Just as licensees are encouraged through continuing competence to maintain their skills in order to protect the public, so too must the Board and its staff be familiar with those laws and rules which directly affect the Board's operation. Not only are the members of the Board and its staff dedicated to administering the Physical Therapy Practice Act in a manner that protects the public, they are obligated to do so in a manner that is open, honest and in full compliance with North Carolina Law.



## Make a Note of it:

# Continuing Competence Reporting Periods vs. License Renewals

by Kathy O'Dwyer Arney, PT, MA, Consultant, Continuing Competence

What	How often	Timeframe
License renewal	Annual (every year)	By January 31 each year
Continuing Competence Reporting Periods	Biennial (every 2 years required to be complete by the end of the second year)	January 1 through December 31 of the following year (See "What is my reporting period?" below)

### Audits: How To Respond

If you receive a letter indicating you are being audited, you have 30 days to respond to the request. Audits for continuing competence reporting periods require you to send the Board hard-copy documentation of proof of points earned and indicate any required approval. The documents you send should match what was reported in the online reporting tool for the period being audited.

Go to [www.ncptboard.org](http://www.ncptboard.org), Continuing Competence, Required Documentation for a summary list. There are some sample forms available under the Continuing Competence Forms link on the website to easily document clinical practice hours and Clinical Instructor activities

If you fail to respond in a timely manner your file will be referred to the Investigative Committee of the Board.

### What is my Reporting Period?

Continuing Competence reporting periods begin the **January 1** *after* your date of first licensure in North Carolina.

If you were first licensed in 2011, *after* February 1, 2011, your continuing competence reporting period begins January 1, 2012. Licensees are not all in the same reporting period. Be sure you know your reporting period. Do not be confused about reporting periods by brochures from course providers, co-workers, other state licenses or other sources. If you have questions, contact the Board office.

**REMEMBER:** Points earned *during* the reporting period will only count for that period. Points earned before a reporting

period begins, or after it ends, will not count for the current period.

**What is my reporting period if my license lapsed and was revived less than a year later?** After a lapse of less than one year, you would remain in the same reporting period. In effect it is as though the lapse had never occurred. For example, if you first received your NC PT/PTA license in 2010, the reporting period would be January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012. The license was not renewed and therefore lapsed January 31, 2011. You revived during 2011, thus the lapse was less than one year.

**What is my reporting period if my license lapsed and was revived more than a year later?** After a lapse of more than one year, you would move to the next reporting period. For example, if you first received your NC PT/PTA license August, 2007, your reporting period was January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. The license was not renewed and therefore lapsed January 31, 2011. You revived between one and five years later. Your next reporting period would begin January 1, of the year after you revived.

**Questions?:** Please contact the Continuing Competence Consultant, Kathy Arney, PT, MA, [karney@ncptboard.org](mailto:karney@ncptboard.org) or (919) 490-6393.

### License Lapse and Revival and Continuing Competence

Licensees who have allowed the license to lapse and want to return to practice in NC must "revive" the license. Licensees first licensed in 2011, lapsed

less than one year may "revive by payment". Completion of the application form and fee is required to revive. Licensees lapsed longer than one year but less than five years, and who are not choosing to revive the license by endorsement, must use "Revival with Continuing Competence". This method requires a licensee to have proof of completion of continuing competence activities (20 points PTA/30 points PT, including one point from a Jurisprudence Exercise) within the last 2 years, the application and fee to revive the license. Once the revival is complete the reporting period for future continuing competence activities is determined (See article "What is my Reporting Period?").

For information about license revival, go to this link on the board website: <https://www.ncptboard.org/Licensing/RevivalHome.shtml>.

### Exemptions and Deferments: Can I get one? How do they work?

A deferment from the continuing competence requirements means that a licensee is given a short amount of additional time, usually 3 months or less, to complete an unfinished requirement and allow the licensee to renew the license without the continuing competence requirement being complete. If the requirement is not completed by the deadline given, the license will lapse.

An exemption from the continuing competence requirements allows a licensee to renew the license without

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completing the continuing competence requirements for that reporting period.

[While the exemption or deferment is in effect a licensee may not practice physical therapy.](#)

Exemptions are automatically granted by application from those over 65 years of age, and for those on active military duty for more than 120 days in a given reporting period. In addition, exemptions and deferments may also be granted by the Board for personal hardships, personal or family emergencies and hardships or circumstances beyond the control of the licensee. See Rule 21 NCAC 48G .0111 at this link for specific information about Exemptions and Deferments: <http://www.ncptboard.org/ContinuingCompetence/CCRules.shtml>

Licensees must request the exemption or deferment in writing. Documentation to support the request, such as medical records or disability determinations, should accompany the request. Forms for requesting an exemption or deferment are available on the website, [www.ncptboard.org](http://www.ncptboard.org), Continuing Competence Forms, scroll to Request for Exemption or Deferment Form.

### Are you a Travelling Therapist? Have you moved recently? Are you working outside the US? Had a name change?

The Board sends communications to licensees via mail and email. It is important to keep your contact information updated. It's easy use the Board website by going to [www.ncptboard.org](http://www.ncptboard.org), Online Services, Licensee change of address. To minimize the opportunity for identity theft, licensees with Name Changes must call the Board office during regular business hours to change a name.

### Who is being audited?

It is incumbent upon the Board to ensure the integrity of the continuing competence rules and that licensees have met the requirements for continuing competence through audits of licensees.

During the first year, the Board expects to audit up to 20% of licensees, including

all licensees whose online reports note activities completed outside the reporting period, and licensees chosen at random. If you receive a letter indicating you have been chosen for audit, please read the letter thoroughly and respond in a timely manner. If you do not understand the content of the letter, call the Board for clarification. Failure to respond to the audit request results in a referral to the Board's Investigative Committee.

It is up to each licensee to meet the responsibilities documenting continuing competence activities or to respond promptly to an audit request to avoid jeopardizing the privilege of maintaining a NC PT or PTA license.

## Continuing Competence Rules Updates

The Rules Subcommittee of the Board is responsible for periodic review and recommendations to the full Board to update Board rules. This committee has met to discuss potential rules updates and will continue to meet as necessary in 2011 and 2012. Information regarding Rules will be posted on the Board website, [www.ncptboard.org](http://www.ncptboard.org).

## Documentation for Continuing Competence Activities: Avoiding Disciplinary Action

It is not enough just to *report* continuing competence activities online at the time of license renewal, you are also required to *keep documentation (and submit)* to the Board in the case of an audit) for up to four years after the end of a reporting period. An organized file of documents can make responding to an audit request much faster and simpler.

### Suggestions:

- Keep a copy of "Required Documentation" from the Board website handy for reference or bookmark the page on your internet browser. Know what to keep as proof of your activity.
- If the activity was required to be approved, does the documentation indicate where it was approved? Do the documents have clear dates and approved contact hours listed? If not, obtain this information in writing from the provider of the activity or keep the

brochure and course outline/agenda that contains this information.

- Maintain one physical location at your place of business or home for all of your continuing competence documentation. If not, maintain a hard-copy file and ensure scanned and other electronic documents are filed in one location and backed up on a disc or external hard drive.
- Immediately after completing a continuing competence activity, print or save and file all materials in date order for ease of reference.
- **DO NOT** rely on your employer or continuing education provider to keep records for you. You should also have a copy. Obtain these at the time of the activity, **don't wait until an audit!** Files that are lost or inaccessible will delay the audit and can lead to disciplinary action.

## Carry Over Points: Read the directions!

The first reporting period ended December 31, 2010. Licensees that were in the first reporting period now have the option to "claim" carry over points for use in their next reporting period, 2011-2012. You must have a completed reporting period to claim carry over points. (NOTE: For those who attended or have viewed the online version of Next Steps: Reporting, Recording and Audits, there are some differences in how the online tool handles carry over points from what was originally anticipated.) Due to software programming requirements and rule interpretations, it was felt that licensees should be able to choose the points that they will carry over. Carry over points are allowed for all categories with the exception of: Clinical Practice, Self-Assessment and Ethics and Jurisprudence Exercise categories.

**If you were in the 2009-2010 reporting period**, you have a one-time only opportunity to update this report prior to claiming carry over points. Thus, when you log in to the online report, you should choose the 2009-2010 reporting period from the Period menu, then, check that report to be sure all is correct, any additions and edits are made, then return to the 2011-2012 screen. Once on the 2011-2012

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results were essentially immediate. Because of that, our Practice Act eliminated any type of temporary licensure.

In the mid 70's, I assumed a role of starting a PT department in a chronic lung disease hospital, that never had PT. After that, I taught at the University level, one of the most difficult jobs I ever had. I became a single parent of two young boys in 1979 and transitioned back into the clinic. In 1985, I became a VP of a rehabilitation hospital and was back to pushing papers. But in 1991, I had the opportunity to practice PT again, as I was activated into the Army Medical Corp for nearly a year during Desert Storm. What a great experience for me, as I really enjoyed working with the dependents as well as the wonderful soldiers. I met a few true heroes and will always keep that memory.

After being released from the Army, I spent a year in administration, but I missed the clinical work, so made a transition back into the clinic environment. I had the opportunity to develop yet another department, and was back into pushing papers. But I hired many fine young PT's, with all the new knowledge and techniques. I enjoyed learning from them and in teaching to them, especially when someone would tell me that he/she never learned "that technique", or never thought of a particular activity.

In 1994, I was invited to join the Board of the African Medical Mission, an orthopedic organization started by an MD and his RN wife, the purpose to develop an orthopedic hospital for approx. 3,000,000 people. I was especially pleased to be on the Board, as I had worked with Dr. McConnachie in the late 70's, early 80's, before he left his practice to develop AMM. In 1996, I was asked to take on the responsibility of Chairman of the Board, which resulted in my going to Mthatha, South Africa. While there, I had the honor of meeting President Mandela. Since that time, I have returned 4 other times, both as Chairman of the Board and as a Physical Therapist. My experiences there were eye-opening, as the people of the Transki region of SA were so very appreciative of whatever I could do, and I was truly honored to help them. It was

basic PT, without a lot of equipment, and one had to make do with what was available. One tilt table, one 8 foot length of parallel bars, some weights and two mat tables. Patients helped patients, they never complained, they just wanted to return home. Home was frequently a mud hut! I am still involved, serving as the volunteer coordinator, and hope to return in the next year or two.

I admit not really keeping up on the Practice Act, and did not really think about the role of the Board. In 2006, I was given the opportunity to serve on the Board of PT Examiners for NC. What a great experience it has been! I soon learned what the Board did, and how it functioned with the Federation of State Boards. The Federation meetings, where I met many old friends and made new ones, has been a wonderful experience. Our Board is always considering the public as well as the profession. We have worked hard on developing a competence guide, to steer the profession to a higher level of professionalism. We continually review applicants' requests to be licensed in NC from all other states, and always require the possible transfer to meet the standards of the profession that our Practice Act requires.

At this time, we now face a situation where security of the NPTE was jeopardized and changes had to be made for the good of the profession. That has created limits on when the exam is offered here in NC, as well as other states. Our Board has addressed this situation and continues to address it with the FSBPT. There are no easy answers to the problem, but for the good of the profession, hard changes had to be made.

I hope that the individuals who take the time to read this realize how very lucky I was and they are to become a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant! It is my identity as a person; it is how I relate to others. Now, in my perhaps winter of life and work, I will find it very hard to change my identity! I will always be a PT, and proud of it. I am very proud of the work that I have done, the lives I have changed, the people I have met and most recently, what I was able to give back

to the profession! And I urge you all to feel the same way. Your profession is YOU, and it will be evolving, it will be challenging, it will never be what it was when you first became licensed. Grow with it, do not become stagnant, and always learn, for you have never learned everything. Look to what you can do for your community, or even for those in other countries. Please, give back to our profession, help it grow and mature. And if all possible, be appointed the NC Board of PT Examiners, you will never regret it!

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screens, you will see a blue button labeled **"Directions"**. It provides information for adding, deleting and editing information on that screen and a direction to go to the **"carry over page"**. Also on the 2011-2012 summary screen, click on the button (red) that says **"Get your carry over points"**. Once on the carry over screen there are **"Directions"** "accessible by clicking the button. Follow the steps to claim your eligible carry over points.

If you are having trouble, ask an experienced colleague to assist you. If you are still having difficulty please contact the Board Continuing Competence Consultant, Kathy Arney, PT, MA, [karney@ncptboard.org](mailto:karney@ncptboard.org) or (919) 490-6393.

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**[www.ncptboard.org](http://www.ncptboard.org): PT Board website as your Resource – Check it out!**

The board website is updated frequently with new information and features, including: Address updates, online renewal, renewal card printing, Course listings, FAQ's, Bios for Candidates of the Board, Online Continuing Competence reporting.

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## Let us hear from you!

If you have suggestions for the website to make it more user friendly or notice an error – Let us hear from you: [ncptboard@ncptboard.org](mailto:ncptboard@ncptboard.org). We'll respond to your request.

# Fixed Date Testing for National Physical Therapy Exam

In response to the FSBPT mandated change from open date to fixed date testing for licensure exams, at its meeting on September 8, 2011, the Board voted to amend the rule to allow applicants who were assured of completing all requirements for graduation to take the NPTE exam before they have actually graduated, as defined by the Board. (See definition below). This was done in an effort to minimize the delay that could occur between the completion of all requirements for graduation and graduation prior to a scheduled examination date.

*Action taken by the Board staff:* Prior to filing the rule amendment, the advice of one of the Rules Review Commission's attorneys was sought with regard to the propriety of filing the amendment as a temporary or emergency rule. While the attorney did not feel the amendment was required to protect the public in an emergency situation, it was also his opinion that an amendment was not necessary to accomplish what the Board intended. Based on that opinion, the Board has revised its previous policy

regarding eligibility to take the licensure examination.

*Outcome:* Applicants will now be allowed to sit for the examination before actual graduation, so long as the program certifies that graduation is assured. Therefore, the burden is shifted to the programs to advise the Board that the conferring of the degree is certain to occur. This change in policy is simply an accommodation triggered by a change in scheduling the examinations. It is not an invitation for applicants to sit for the examination well before completing all requirements for graduation, and it is important to emphasize that the actual license will not be conferred until a second certification is received from

the program advising that the applicant has actually graduated. The Board hopes this change in policy will allow applicants to avoid significant delays before an examination can be scheduled.

The purpose of this change is to allow applicants who are just a few weeks from graduation, and whose completion of all requirements for graduation is assured, to sit for the exam. It is not intended for applicants who are in the midst of completing their requirements as the more time there is between the exam and graduation, the greater the opportunities for unanticipated events to prevent or delay completing the requirements for graduation.

## 21 NCAC 48A .0105 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions and the definitions in G.S. 90 270.24 will apply throughout Chapter 48:

- (4) "Graduated" or "graduation" means the completion of all requirements, including clinical experience, from an accredited program for physical therapists or physical therapist assistants. If an educational program certifies that the degree is assured and will be conferred at a later date, an applicant will be considered to have been graduated.



## Two Emails to the Executive Director (With somewhat differing viewpoints)

**I** would like to know how many people, man hours, and tax dollars were spent in coming up with totally illogical system? Your great snafu even required you to hire Kathy Arney as a consultant to assist you with your own program? I'm a regular ordinary american and would like to make a cultural statement, CLING CLANG HERE YE HERE YE, if you need to hire someone to explain your own program to you, you don't belong on the board!!!

Thank You for making it so user friendly, I bet you all voted for obama, how's that hope and change thing working out for you?

Do us all a favor and quit your job and move to cuba.  
Sincerely, A frustrated american sick of people like you."

**F**irst, I wanted to let you know how much I have enjoyed learning since NC has initiated Continuing Competence. I have to admit, in the beginning, I was upset about the new requirements. I now feel completely opposite of that! The guidelines that were established have been easy to understand. There are many opportunities to gain Continuing Competence points through various activities. I have already completed the requirements for licensure. I have since gained more points and have recorded them on the Interim Reporting Form. I never expected to have "extra" points, but I think you've created a Continuing Competence Monster!!! Thanks, (Licensee)"

# North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

Board Orders / Consent Orders / Other Board Actions – July 2010 – November 2011

**Cypher, Carey L., PT (Warning)**

**Location:** Wilmington, NC, New Hanover County  
**License #:** P-4153  
**Conduct:** Recording false and misleading information in patients' records.  
**Discipline:** Warning and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Executed November 4, 2010)

**Liu, Hen Shin, PT (Warning)**

**Location:** Asheville, NC, Buncombe County  
**License #:** P-3532  
**Conduct:** Failing to maintain legible patient records that included the essential elements identified in 21 NCAC 48C .0101 (l) and (m).  
**Discipline:** Warning, attend a course on documentation, and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Executed November 4, 2010)

**Brandon, Bryan E, PT (Suspension)**

**Location:** Mocksville, NC, Davie County  
**License #:** P-6215  
**Conduct:** Documenting and charging for patient visits that he did not make. Recording false and misleading information in patients' charts.  
**Discipline:** Suspension for one year, ten days active and the remaining stayed with conditions. In addition, he must reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Executed December 9, 2010)

**Ryder, Terry J., PT (Probation)**

**Location:** Charlotte, NC, Mecklenburg County  
**License #:** P-10032  
**Conduct:** Failure to complete documentation of patient treatments and discharge summaries.  
**Discipline:** Probation for one year with conditions. In addition, he must reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Executed December 9, 2010)

**Leaird, Kimberly D., PT (Warning)**

**Location:** South Carolina  
**License #:** P-6118  
**Conduct:** After determining that the requirements of Board rule 21 NCAC 48G .0601 (b) were satisfied, the Board imposed the same sanction as the South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.  
**Discipline:** Warning. (Executed January 20, 2011)

**Mathewson, Amy Bell, PT (Suspension)**

**Location:** Siler City, NC, Chatham County  
**License #:** P-3248  
**Conduct:** Failure to complete documentation of patient treatments and discharge summaries.  
**Discipline:** Suspension for one year, twenty days active and the remaining stayed with conditions. In addition, she must attend a course on documentation and she must reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Executed March 10, 2011)

**Morgan, Daniel Lee, PT (Warning)**

**Location:** Roxboro, NC, Person County  
**License #:** P-8082  
**Conduct:** Failure to complete documentation of a patient's evaluation and for using prescription strength medication in connection with phonophoresis without first obtaining a prescription for its use.  
**Discipline:** Warning. In addition, he must reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Effective July 26, 2011)

**Hutchins, Danny M., PTA (Warning)**

**Location:** South Carolina  
**License #:** A-2851  
**Conduct:** After determining that the requirements of Board rule 21 NCAC 48G .0601 (b) were satisfied, the Board imposed the same sanction as the South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners for failure to reveal treatment for substance abuse on his South Carolina application for licensure in 2005 and on his applications for licensure renewal in 2006 and 2008.  
**Discipline:** Warning. In addition, he must reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Effective July 26, 2011)

**Edwards, Karen Carusoe, PTA (Warning)**

**Location:** Chapel Hill, NC, Orange County  
**License #:** A-3243  
**Conduct:** Engaging in practice beyond the scope of licensure as a physical therapist assistant.  
**Discipline:** Warning. In addition, she must complete a documentation course and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Effective November 5, 2011)

**Vitello, Peter J., PT (Suspension)**

**Location:** Charlotte, NC, Mecklenburg County  
**License #:** P-10450  
**Conduct:** Documenting and charging for patient visits that he did not perform.  
**Discipline:** Suspension for one year, thirty days active and the remaining stayed with conditions. In addition, he must reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Executed September 26, 2011)

**Rushing, Tammi C., PT (Suspension – reinstatement of license with conditions)**

**Location:** Dallas, NC, Gaston County  
**License #:** P-2886  
**Conduct:** Use of drugs to the extent which affects professional competency and convictions for credit card fraud and larceny.  
**Discipline:** License summarily suspended effective January 19, 2009. Consent order allows reinstatement of license with conditions. (Executed September 30, 2011)

## Disciplinary Actions related to Continuing Competence:

*(The first 109 audits conducted were performed on PTAs. The next 200+ audits, currently in process, are being performed on PT's.)*

**Butler, Gwendolyn Marie, PTA (Warning)**

**Location:** Lumberton, NC, Robeson County  
**License #:** A-467  
**Conduct:** Failing to provide documentation in a timely manner that she had completed continuing competence by the deadline (Dec. 31, 2010).  
**Discipline:** Warning, complete activities, and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Executed November 5, 2011)

**Corum, Mary E., PTA (Warning)**

**Location:** Spencer, NC, Rowan County  
**License #:** A-1371  
**Conduct:** Failing to provide documentation in a timely manner that she had completed continuing competence by the deadline (Dec. 31, 2010).  
**Discipline:** Warning, complete activities, and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Executed November 5, 2011)

**Curtis, Debra T., PTA (Warning)**

**Location:** Charlotte, NC, Mecklenburg County  
**License #:** A-757  
**Conduct:** Failing to provide documentation in a timely manner that she had completed continuing competence by the deadline (Dec. 31, 2010).  
**Discipline:** Warning, complete activities, and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Executed November 5, 2011)

**Dylenski, Anthony E., PTA (Warning)**

**Location:** Charlotte, NC, Mecklenburg County  
**License #:** A-3883  
**Conduct:** Failing to provide documentation in a timely manner that he had completed continuing competence by the deadline (Dec. 31, 2010).  
**Discipline:** Warning, complete activities, and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Executed November 5, 2011)

**Pleasants, Donna A., PTA, Lic. # A226 (Warning)**

**Location:** Roxboro, NC, Person County  
**License #:** A-226  
**Conduct:** Failing to provide documentation in a timely manner that she had completed continuing competence by the deadline (Dec. 31, 2010).  
**Discipline:** Warning, complete activities, and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Executed November 5, 2011)

**Taylor, Lynda K., PTA, Lic. # A877 (Warning)**

**Location:** Mathews, NC, Mecklenburg County  
**License #:** A-877  
**Conduct:** Failing to provide documentation in a timely manner that she had completed continuing competence by the deadline (Dec. 31, 2010).  
**Discipline:** Warning, complete activities, and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Executed November 5, 2011)

**Thompson, Clifton, E, PTA (Warning)**

**Location:** Goldsboro, NC, Wayne County  
**License #:** A-454  
**Conduct:** Failing to provide documentation in a timely manner that he had completed continuing competence by the deadline (Dec. 31, 2010).  
**Discipline:** Warning, complete activities, and reimburse the Board for the cost of the investigation. (Executed November 5, 2011)

# Calendar of Events

\* Dates are tentative / please confirm by contacting the Board office (800-800-8982)

Dec 1, 2011 (Thurs)	Investigative Committee Meeting *- (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon), Satsky and Silverstein Law Firm, Raleigh, NC, <a href="http://www.satskysilverstein.com">www.satskysilverstein.com</a> )
Dec 08, 2011 (Thurs)	<b>Board Meeting</b> *- (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Siena Hotel, 1505 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC, <a href="http://www.sienahotel.com/">http://www.sienahotel.com/</a> )
Dec 31, 2011 (Sat)	Final date for completion of continuing competence for licensees who are in the Reporting Period ending December 31, 2011. (Licensees will have 30 days from Dec 31, 2011 to enter the documentation in the Continuing Competence Report Online before the computer program is converted to "Read-Only".)
Jan 19, 2012 (Thurs)	Investigative Committee Meeting *- (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon), Satsky and Silverstein Law Firm, Raleigh, NC, <a href="http://www.satskysilverstein.com">www.satskysilverstein.com</a> )
Jan 31, 2012 (Tues)	Final Deadline for license renewal
Feb 1, 2012 (Wed)	Lapse of licenses not renewed
Feb 28, 2012 (Tues)	Investigative Committee Meeting *- (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon), Satsky and Silverstein Law Firm, Raleigh, NC, <a href="http://www.satskysilverstein.com">www.satskysilverstein.com</a> )
Mar 8, 2012 (Thurs)	<b>Board Meeting</b> *- (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Siena Hotel, 1505 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC, <a href="http://www.sienahotel.com/">http://www.sienahotel.com/</a> )
June 14, 2012 (Thurs)	<b>Board Meeting</b> *- (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Siena Hotel, 1505 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC, <a href="http://www.sienahotel.com/">http://www.sienahotel.com/</a> )
Sept 13, 2012 (Thurs)	<b>Board Meeting</b> *- (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Siena Hotel, 1505 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC, <a href="http://www.sienahotel.com/">http://www.sienahotel.com/</a> )

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## Summary of Fees

(Effective March 1, 2007)

Renewal (PT & PTA)	\$100.00	Verification/Transfer Fee	30.00
Revival Fee and Renewal Fee	130.00	License Card	10.00
Application Fee PT & PTA	150.00	Labels of Licensees (PT or PTA)	60.00
Revival by Endorsement Application Fee	150.00	Certificate Replacement	30.00
Exam Cost (PT & PTA)*	370.00	*plus PT or PTA Application Fee	
Exam Retake Fee	60.00		

### 21 NCAC 48G .0112 Costs for Continuing Competence Activities

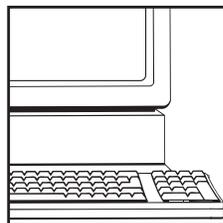
(Effective January 1, 2009)

- (a) There is no cost for approval of continuing competence activities offered by approved sponsors.
- (b) For a non-Approved provider seeking approval of a continuing competence activity offered to licensees in this State, the cost is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per activity.
- (c) For a licensee seeking approval of a continuing competence activity that is not offered by an approved sponsor, the cost is twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

## N.C. Licensure Statistics

(As of October 18, 2011)

	Licensed	Reside	Work
PTs	6,607	5,567	5,116
PTAs	2,869	2,565	2,317



### 21 NCAC 48F .0105 CHANGE OF NAME AND ADDRESS REQUIRED

Each licensee must notify the Board within 30 days of a change of name or work or home address. [History Note: Authority G.S. 90-270.27; Eff. August 1, 2002.]

Addresses can be changed by the licensee on the Licensure Board's web page ([www.ncptboard.org](http://www.ncptboard.org)) or by letter, fax (919-490-5106), or call the Board's office @ 919-490-6393 or 800-800-8982.