

INPTRA Regulation Profile

Country: United States

Regulatory Model

Each state and jurisdiction has a licensing board that has been given legislative authority to regulate the practice of physical therapy as defined within the legislation.

Model Description

Physical therapists are licensed by the licensing board within the specific state/jurisdiction and can only practice within a state/jurisdiction in which he or she is licensed. Qualifications for licensure include graduating from an accredited educational program and passing the National Physical Therapy Licensing Exam (NPTE). Each state has its own definitions of scope of practice and title protection in its legislative practice act. Further descriptions of standards of care are developed by the licensing board in regulations. Most, but not all states, have a Continuing Competence or continuing education requirement for renewal of licensure. The licensing board is responsible for enforcing the legislation and the regulations through the disciplinary process.

Website

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