

21 NCAC 48A .0105 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions and the definitions in G.S. 90-270.90 apply throughout Chapter 48:

- (1) "Computer Based Testing" or "CBT" means the Federation approved National Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant Examinations administered by a testing agency approved by the Federation.
- (2) "Credentials" means the materials related to educational background and professional experience that an applicant for licensure must present to the Board.
- (3) "Educational programs" means physical therapy and physical therapist assistant educational programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).
- (4) "Endorsement" means granting a license in this State based upon the applicant possessing an active license in another State.
- (5) "Federation" means Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.
- (6) "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.
- (7) "Inappropriate touching" means the unwelcome or unwanted laying of hands by a licensee for a purpose inconsistent with a physical therapy evaluation or treatment of a patient.
- (8) "Note" means the physical therapy progress note that documents each patient visit.
- (9) "On-site supervision" means the supervising licensee is present in the department or facility where services are provided, is immediately available to the person being supervised and maintains continued involvement in aspects of treatment sessions in which students completing clinical requirements or physical therapy aides are involved in components of care.
- (10) "Patient" means any recipient of physical therapy services and includes the term "client".
- (11) "PT" means a Physical Therapist.
- (12) "PT exam" means a Federation approved licensing examination for physical therapists.
- (13) "PTA" means a Physical Therapist Assistant.
- (14) "PTA exam" means a Federation approved licensing examination for physical therapist assistants.

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