

Continuing Education Revisions Notice

Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy Rules and Regulations Revisions

The Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy made several revisions to the Rules and Regulations effective August 23, 2010. One significant change is in section XI regarding continuing education requirements. This rule will not be enforced until the continuing education period that begins **January 1, 2011**. The revisions in this section are underlined below:

XI. Continuing Education Requirements

C. Qualifying Continuing Education Units

1. One CEU is defined as 10 contact hours of an accredited course or program. A contact hour is equal to 60 minutes actual time in a seminar or workshop. Program content must be of clinical application, clinical management, behavioral science, or science.

A. No more than 50% of continuing education can be taken through online courses.

B. PTs and PTAs will be required to pass a jurisprudence exam approved by the Board as part of the required continuing education. The jurisprudence examination is counted as an online course.

Again, the rules and regulations revisions are currently in effect but the limit to the online courses (includes home study) is not effective until January 1, 2011. There is no limit to the number of online courses required from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010 for 2011 renewal.

Please contact the board office with any questions.