



South Dakota Board of Physical Therapy

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Acceptable Continuing Education Hour Credits for Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants Licensed to Practice in South Dakota

Category 1 (Certified/Credentialed) Activities Approved by the State Board of Physical Therapy		
Activity ¹	Maximum CE Hour Credits/ 2-year license cycle	Evidence SDBPT may request upon random audit
Continuing Education Coursework that is related to the practice of physical therapy -AND- approved by: (1) SDBPT, or (2) A physical therapy licensing board in another state, or (3) APTA, or (4) APTA-SD	No limit 1 CEU = 10 CE hours • Convert CEUs to CE hours using [#CEUs x 10 = CE hours]	Certificate of Completion Information: • Licensee Name • Course Name • Number of contact hours/CEUs • Presentation date and location • Official signature of the sponsor • Approval seal/stamp from APTA, APTA-SD or PT licensing board in states other than SD
Post-Professional Coursework (related to the practice of physical therapy) • NOTE: University coursework offered by an accredited PT/PTA program that is part of the required curriculum plan of study for the entry level professional degree is not accepted for CE credit.	No limit 1 Academic Credit = 15 CE hours • Convert credits to CE hours using [#Credits x 15 = CE hours]	Transcript Evidence of Course Completion with Grade of "C" or higher

Category 2 (Participatory) Activities Approved by the State Board of Physical Therapy			
Activity ¹	Continuing Education (CE) Hour Credits	Maximum CE Hour Credits/ 2-year license cycle ^a	Evidence SDBPT may request upon random audit
<u>First-time development</u> of an academic course teaching/lecturing physical therapy or primarily healthcare students in formal classroom setting, <i>if teaching is not your primary occupation.</i>	1 classroom contact hour = 0.20 CE hour credits • Conversion: Student contact hours ÷ 5 = CE hour credits	4.0 CE hour credits	Verification of topic, date, number of contact hours from course director.
Clinical Instruction for Student Physical Therapists or Student Physical Therapist Assistants	160 instructional contact hours = 5.0 CE hour credits	5.0 CE hour credits	Certificate from CAPTE Accredited Program, including number of contact hours of clinical instruction
Performing clinical mentorship in a credentialed/accredited clinical residency or fellowship program	160 instructional contact hours = 7.5 CE hour credits	7.5 CE hour credits	Letter from credentialed/accredited residency or fellowship director with number of mentorship hours
Credentialed/accredited clinical residency or fellowship (i.e., ABPTRFE) hours <u>under mentorship</u>	160 hours = 15 CE hour credits	15.0 CE hour credits	Letter from credentialed/accredited residency or fellowship director or mentor with number of residency or fellowship hours under mentorship
Authorship in a peer-reviewed publication in a content area that pertains to PT, <i>if research dissemination is not a requirement for your primary occupation</i>	Case Studies = 2 CE hour credits Original Research = 5 CE hour credits	5.0 CE hour credits	Published journal articles

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¹Licensees should be prepared to demonstrate that the activity deals with matters directly related to the practice of physical therapy (§ 20:66:03:01; General Authority SDCL 36-10-36)

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Category 2 (Participatory) Activities Approved by the State Board of Physical Therapy			
Activity¹	Continuing Education (CE) Hour Credits	Maximum CE Hour Credits/ 2-year license cycle^a	Evidence SDBPT may request upon random audit
ABPTS Specialist Certification or specialist certification through an accredited and professionally recognized organization (i.e., RESNA ATP; Advanced Proficiency Pathways for PTAs)	15 CE hour credits for initial certification 5 CE hour credits for re-certification	15.0 CE hour credits	Evidence of specialist certification
Web Seminars (aka, Webinars) that are not developed by a manufacturer or product company to promote a commercial product. ²	1 hour = 0.10 CE hour credit • Conversion: Contact hours ÷ 10 = CE hour credits	0.5 CE hour credits	Evidence of attendance that includes topic, date, and number of hours
Holding an office or serving as an organizational delegate or director for a professional organization whose mission is dedicated to the practice of physical therapy.	2 CE hour credits/term year	4 CE hour credits	Evidence of office tenure.
Volunteerism related to the practice of physical therapy (includes contributions as a committee, workgroup, or task force member for a professional organization whose mission is dedicated to the practice of physical therapy.)	≥ 4 volunteer hours or more = 1 CE hour credit	1.0 CE hour credit	Evidence of volunteerism from organization, including number of volunteer hours

^aNote: There is a limit of 15 CE hour credits on Category 2 activities for the 2-year license cycle.

Activities <u>Not Accepted</u> as credit for CE hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breaks in instruction time; • Courses less than 60 minutes in duration; • CPR certification/recertification; • Credit for repetitions of the same activity, except where explicitly allowed within Category 1 or Category 2; • Employment orientation sessions; • Entertainment or recreational activities or programs; • Management seminars not directly concerning physical therapy operations; • Meetings for the purpose of making policy; • Non-educational association meetings; • Presentations delivered by students; • Regularly scheduled institutional activities such as rounds; • Routine teaching as a part of a job requirement; • Staff meetings, presentations, publications directed at lay groups; • Training developed by a manufacturer or product company, unless the training has specifically been approved for CEUs by SDBPT, a regulatory board of physical therapy in another state, APTA, or APTA-SD; • University coursework completed prior to graduating from an accredited PT/PTA program.

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²Web seminars (aka webinars) are live events during which a presenter or group of presenters delivers educational content on a topic of special interest to a virtual audience. Attendance is not self-monitored. Many webinars are recorded and made available for on-demand viewing after the live session. *Category 2 webinars are those that are related to the practice of physical therapy but have not been certified/credentialed by an agency or organization approved under § [20:66:03:02](#).*