

# General Information on the Oregon PT / PTA

## Initial Licensure Process

To be issued a license to practice as a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant in the State of Oregon, you will need to complete all the steps listed below.

If you have not yet taken the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) you will contact the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy to schedule your exam, in to addition applying to the Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board.

**Licensing Process** If you hold a current PT or PTA license in good standing:

The Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board (**OPTLB**) is responsible for processing your application for licensure. A completed application includes all of the following:

1. Application form
2. Application fee
3. Oregon jurisprudence exam (OR-JAM) with passing score of 80 or above
4. Certificate for completion of the Pain Management Module (PT's only)
5. Criminal background check - Fieldprint
6. Proof of graduation from a CAPTE accredited program or, for foreign educated therapist, the appropriate Course Work Tool showing substantially equivalent education, and proof of English equivalency.
7. Passing NPTE score
8. Verification of all health care licenses ever held, if any.

### **National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE)**

The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (**FSBPT**) is the administrator of the NPTE, and determines if you are eligible to take the exam, issues your "Authorization To Test" (**ATT**) letter and releases your exam scores. The ATT letter is issued once the FSBPT has a completed online test registration, the registration fee has been paid and your program has verified your graduation date. Once issued, you can then schedule your test date with Prometric. You do **not** need to complete the Oregon application **before** registering with the FSBPT.

Prometric has test centers located throughout the US. Immediately following the examination, Prometric will release all test scores to the FSBPT, which will subsequently be forwarded to the states you selected. Be sure to designate Oregon to receive your score.

You may take the NPTE up to 90 days before graduation but a license cannot be issued until we have received all application materials including either the Certificate of Professional Education or official school transcript showing your degree has been conferred.

The Board assumes no responsibility for the request or transfer of these documents.