

Board of Physical Therapy

Requirement for License for Instructors in Physical Therapy Program; Guidance on Use of Professional Degree in Conjunction with Licensure Designation; Functional Capacity Evaluations by PTAs

Requirement for License for Instructors in a Physical Therapy Program.

The Board advises that an academic institution may use an instructor who does not hold a license as a physical therapist provided that the nature of the course instruction does not involve the practice of physical therapy as defined in Virginia Code § 54.1-3473.

Use of Professional Degree in Conjunction with Licensure Designation.

If initials designating an educational degree, such as MPT or DPT, are used in connection with a licensee's name, they should be written in addition to and following the licensure designation of PT or PTA.

Professional designations are set forth in Virginia Code § 54.1-3481.

Unlicensed support personnel should not, under any circumstances, use titles or designations that infer or misrepresent licensure or other certification status, including the use of any designations listed in Virginia Code § 54.1-3481.

Functional capacity evaluations.

Pursuant to the definition of "evaluation" contained in 18VAC112-20-10, evaluations, including functional capacity evaluations, may only be performed by physical therapists.

References

[Va. Code § 54.1-3473](#)

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