

**California Physical Therapy Board
Business and Professions Code
Section 2630**

It is unlawful for any person or persons to practice, or offer to practice, physical therapy in this state for compensation received or expected, or to hold himself or herself out as a physical therapist, unless at the time of so doing the person holds a valid, unexpired, and unrevoked license issued under this chapter.

Nothing in this section shall restrict the activities authorized by their licenses on the part of any persons licensed under this code or any initiative act, or the activities authorized to be performed pursuant to Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 2655) or Chapter 7.7 (commencing with Section 3500).

APTA HOD P06-02-26-49 (Program 65)
*Clinical Continuing Education for Individuals Other Than
Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants*

Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants conducting clinical continuing education courses are obligated to identify target audiences and indicate in the printed, lecture, and advertising materials that course content is not intended for use by participants outside the scope of their license or regulation.

Furthermore, they should make it clear when teaching elements of physical therapist patient/client management that subsequent use of those elements is physical therapy only when performed by a physical therapist or by a physical therapist assistant under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist, in accordance with Association policies, positions, guidelines, standards, and the Code of Ethics.

In the interest of public safety, physical therapists and physical therapist assistants should not conduct clinical continuing education courses that teach elements of physical therapist patient/client management to individuals who are not licensed or otherwise regulated, except as they are involved in a specific plan of care, and in accordance with Association policies, positions, guidelines, standards, and the Code of Ethics.

(Program 65 – Professional Development, ext 3206)

CPTA CBPOL-53
CEU Approval for Physical Therapy Technique/Procedure Courses

When educational offerings are submitted to the Chapter for continuing education units (CEU) approval, and the goals and objectives of the course are designed to enhance skills in the physical or corrective treatment, or rehabilitation of any bodily or mental condition utilizing techniques/procedures (as determined in reference to the Physical Therapy Practice Act), CEU approval shall be withheld, if either the faculty or target audience do not possess the statutory authority to perform the skills being presented.

This provision does not apply to the teaching of theory.

CPTA CCPOS-18
*Teaching of Physical Therapy Techniques to Unlicensed Persons and Persons
Not Legally Qualified to Perform Such Techniques*

It is the Position of the California Physical Therapy Association that the citizens of California are not well served and the quality of care which may be provided them may be jeopardized if individuals teach physical therapy techniques to unlicensed persons or persons who are not legally qualified to perform such techniques.

This Position shall not be interpreted to apply to teaching in physical therapist or physical therapist assistant education programs; to on the job training of physical therapy supportive personnel for the needs of their individual physical therapy service; or to home instructions for a patient, his or her family, or a family member substitute.