21 NCAC 48G .0105   DEFINITIONS

As used in this Subchapter, the following definitions apply:

(1)   "Approved provider" means an entity that has been approved by the Board to provide continuing competence activities for licensees as provided in the rules in this Section.

(2)   "Clinical Practice" means physical therapy consultation or patient care or client management or the supervision thereof.

(3)   "Contact Hour" means at least 50 consecutive minutes of engagement in a continuing competence activity. Two segments of at least 25 consecutive minutes each is equivalent to one contact hour. Breaks and meals are not included in contact hours.

(4)   "Continuing Competence" means the licensee's ongoing activities to augment knowledge, skills, behaviors, and abilities related to the practice of physical therapy.

(5)   "Continuing Education" means courses of study designed to provide learning experiences for physical therapy licensees.

(6)   "Documentation" means evidence of completion of continuing competence activities.

(7)   "Jurisprudence Exercise" is an online set of questions concerning the Physical Therapy Practice Act, Board rules and Position Statements posted on the Board's website at http://www.ncptboard.org.

(8)   "Licensee" means a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant licensed in North Carolina.

(9)   "Peer-reviewed" means judged by an independent panel of experts having special knowledge or skills in a particular field of study.

(10)   "Point" means a unit of continuing competence.

(11)   "Registered" means enrollment in a continuing competence activity.

(12)   "Reporting period" means a 25 month period commencing on January 1 during which the licensee must complete all continuing competence requirements. Points earned by a licensee may be counted toward completion during one reporting period only.

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