

**Physical Therapy Section
Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical
Therapy, & Athletic Trainers Board**



**Candidate Handbook
for the
Ohio Physical Therapy
Jurisprudence Examination**

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I. Security Information

Passing the Ohio Physical Therapy Jurisprudence Examination is required in order to receive your license to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in the State of Ohio. The Physical Therapy Section of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board (Board) requires ALL applicants for licensure to pass the Jurisprudence Examination in order to demonstrate minimal understanding of the laws and rules governing the practice of physical therapy in Ohio. Requiring a passing score on the Jurisprudence Examination is one assurance that anyone granted a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant license in Ohio possesses the necessary knowledge to treat patients with skill and safety.

Understandably, you will want to take advantage of all available resources when preparing for this important examination. While a student, you may have considered fellow students to be good resources for learning about questions that were on examinations. However, according to rule 4755-27-05 (B)(2) of the Ohio Administrative Code, **it is illegal and unethical to recall (memorize) and share questions that are on the examination or to solicit questions that are on the Jurisprudence Examination from other applicants who have taken the exam.**

What Do You Mean by “It's Illegal to Recall Questions”?

Each candidate who sits for the Jurisprudence Exam must accept the Security Agreement. The Security Agreement states that the exam and items contained therein are owned by the Physical Therapy Section and the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy and protected by Federal Copyright Law.

It also informs applicants that no part of the examination may be copied or reproduced in part or whole by any means whatsoever, including memorization.

Recalling questions from the examination and sharing them with anyone else violates both the Federal Copyright Law and the FSBPT Security Agreement that applicants must accept before taking the Ohio Physical Therapy Jurisprudence Examination.

Items from the Exam are Not to be Recalled for Any Purpose

Why is it Unethical to Ask Someone Else for Recalled Questions?

Soliciting recalled questions from applicants who have previously taken the examination is unethical for several reasons. The primary reason is obvious; you are expected to pass the test based on your own merit without assistance. The members of the public who will entrust you with their well-being expect that you are a trustworthy and competent individual.

You are encouraging applicants to commit illegal acts if you are soliciting questions from previous test takers who have accepted the FSBPT Security Agreement.

Items from the Exam are Not to be Solicited for Any Purpose

What Happens If I Do Share or Solicit Recalled Questions?

- The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy will continue to actively prosecute individuals who violate the security agreement.
- The Federation will also report any incidents of applicants requesting questions or sharing questions to the Physical Therapy Section of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board.
- Applicants who are prosecuted by the Federation or who are reported to the Physical Therapy Section for soliciting or sharing questions will severely damage their chances of being licensed due to violation of rule 4755-27-05 (B)(2) of the Ohio Administrative Code.

II. The Examination

Testing Accommodations

You must submit appropriate documentation of your request for testing accommodations to the office of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board at the time that you submit your application for licensure. Only those applicants who have been granted approval from the Board will receive testing accommodations. You can download the Testing Accommodations Request Form on the Board's website at <http://otptat.ohio.gov>. You can also contact the Board at (614) 466-3774 for more information on the testing accommodation request process.

Examination Fee, Method of Payment and Registration

Applicants must apply and be approved before they can take the Physical Therapy Jurisprudence Examination. In order to avoid delays, endorsement and reinstatement applicants should register with the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) for the Jurisprudence Examination at the same time they submit their application to the Physical Therapy Section. Applicants for licensure by examination should register with the FSBPT approximately one (1) months before the program completion date.

The fee for the Jurisprudence Exam is \$75. This fee is in addition to the application fee submitted to the Physical Therapy Section of the Ohio Board, and any other fee charged by FSBPT for the National Physical Therapy Examination (for applicants by Examination) or for the Examination score transfer (for applicants by endorsement). Payment is as follows:

- \$50 Jurisprudence Examination fee payable to the FSBPT. Visit their web site at <http://www.fsbpt.org> regarding registering for the exam and other information. You may pay the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) either by Visa or MasterCard.
- \$25 Prometric testing fee payable to the Prometric Testing Center at the time of scheduling. Visit their web site at <http://www.prometric.com> for more information on scheduling the exam and other information. Payment for the Prometric Testing Center fee may be made by credit card (Visa or MasterCard) or by direct debit to a checking account. It is not possible to pay at the testing center.

Scheduling the Examination

1. You will be required to register on-line with the FSBPT for the Jurisprudence Examination at <http://www.fsbpt.org> (use the Quick Link to "Exam Registration"). Please review the information above for recommendations on when to register for the Jurisprudence Examination.
2. Once the Physical Therapy Section approves you to sit for the examination, it will approve your eligibility by notifying the FSBPT.
3. FSBPT will send you an "Authorization to Test" (ATT) letter containing instructions on how to schedule an appointment with Prometric Testing Center. You can also access your ATT information by going to the "Status of My Request" Section at <https://pt.fsbpt.net>.
4. Questions regarding registration processing may be directed to examregistration@fsbpt.org
5. Schedule an appointment for the examination with Prometric by calling the telephone number listed in your ATT letter or schedule on-line at <http://www.prometric.com>. You will be required to give the name of the examination, when and where you would like to test, your name, social security number or alternate identification number, daytime telephone number and method of payment: credit card or direct debit.
6. Sit for the examination at your chosen Prometric Testing site. You must sit for the examination within your 60-day eligibility period as indicated on the ATT letter provided by FSBPT. If you do not sit for the examination, or withdraw your registration, within these 60 days, you will be removed from the eligibility list and will be required to begin the registration process again.

Content Overview

The Jurisprudence Examination consists of fifty (50) multiple-choice questions, 40 of which are scored and 10 that are pre-test questions that are not scored. Applicants are given one hour (60 minutes) to complete the computer-based test.

Applicants are **NOT** allowed to bring any reference materials, including the Ohio Physical Therapy Practice Act, into the examination room. The Ohio Physical Therapy Jurisprudence Examination will cover:

- Chapter 4755. of the Ohio Revised Code
- Chapters 4755-21 to 4755-29 of the Ohio Administrative Code
(collectively referred to as the *Ohio Physical Therapy Practice Act*)

You can download a copy of the Ohio Physical Therapy Practice Act from the Board's web-site at <http://otptat.ohio.gov>.

The Ohio Physical Therapy Jurisprudence Examination Content Outline is attached as Appendix A.

Sample Questions

1. A supervising physical therapist and physical therapist assistant both work in an outpatient setting. To provide adequate supervision, the supervising physical therapist must:
 - a. meet with the assistant once every seven days.
 - b. be on-site when supervising the assistant.
 - c. be available by telephone when supervising the assistant from a remote location.
 - d. approve direct supervision by a referring physician.
2. According to the Ohio Revised Code, disciplinary action may be initiated against a physical therapist for which of the following behaviors?
 - a. Failure to notify the Board of an address change within 30 days of the change
 - b. Administering topical medications for use in physical therapy
 - c. Failure to wear a name tag
 - d. Treatment with a referral from a dentist
3. Which of the following tasks may a physical therapist delegate to a physical therapist assistant?
 - a. Conducting an initial patient evaluation
 - b. Performing a patient re-evaluation
 - c. Interpreting the initial evaluation
 - d. Reporting the patient's progress

Correct Answers: 1. c; 2. a; 3. d

Pre-test Items

The examination will contain 10 "pre-test" questions. The purpose of including pre-test questions on the examination is to expand and improve the bank of questions from which future examinations will be drawn. This is a common practice used by many national and state examination programs and is a critical step in ensuring the continued reliability and validity of an examination. Candidates will not be able to identify which items are pre-test items. In order to obtain valid statistics on the performance of an item, the test taker must not be able to discriminate between scored and unscored items.

III. Scoring Information and Notification

Passing Grade and Results

After the administration of the examination, your examination will be scored by the FSBPT. The results will then be transmitted to the Physical Therapy Section of the Ohio Board. The Board office will notify you of your results. A scaled score of 600 is required to pass the examination.

Re-Examination Information

An applicant who fails to achieve the required passing score on the Ohio Physical Therapy Jurisprudence Examination shall be required to be re-examined by completing the scheduling of the examination process, as previously outlined on page 2, and submitting the same fees.

Test-Taking Advice

The advice offered here is presented primarily to help you demonstrate your knowledge and maximize your chances of passing the examination.

- Read all instructions carefully.
- Before selecting the correct answer, read all options carefully.
- You should answer all questions; do not omit an answer for any test question.
- For best results, pace yourself by periodically checking your progress and the time. This will allow you to make any necessary adjustments. Remember, the more questions you answer, the better your chances of achieving a passing score, so you should select an answer for every question.
- Alert the examination supervisor of any problems that may occur during the examination. Do not wait until the examination is over to inform someone of a problem.
- Be sure to select an answer for each question, even the questions about which you are not completely sure. You can skip the questions you wish to reconsider and return to them later.

IV. Admission to the Examination

Supplies and What to Bring

You must arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment with two forms of acceptable identification. Acceptable identification is:

1. A currently valid, military or government-issued photo ID (passport, driver's license, etc.) with pre-printed name and signature.
2. A currently valid, pre-printed identification with your name and your signature such as a credit card or check cashing card.

You will have to be checked in before taking the examination (i.e., sign in and present the appropriate identification). Once at the Prometric testing center, you will be thumb-printed and photographed at the center. All testing sessions are videotaped. On both forms of ID, your signature must match your pre-printed name. Your first and last name on both forms of ID must exactly match the first and last name on your ATT letter issued by FSBPT. A Social Security card is not an acceptable form of identification. If there is a problem with your identification, you will not be permitted to take the exam.

What Not to Bring

Unauthorized supplies, including those not listed below, will be subject to removal by the examination supervisor at the examination site. The following items are **NOT** allowed in an examination room:

1. Purses, briefcases, portfolios, fanny packs or backpacks;
2. Cameras, tape recorders, calculators or computers;
3. Cellular phones, pagers, electronic transmitting devices or telephones;
4. Any bound or loose-leaf reference materials, notes, or books;
5. Dictionary, thesaurus, or other spelling aids;
6. Canisters of mace, pepper spray or other personal defense items;
7. Coats or jackets;
8. Food or beverages.
9. Water bottles.

Nothing is allowed in the testing room.

Watches with alarms must be disabled during the examination administration. Watches that have advanced functions will not be allowed in the testing room.

Appropriate Attire

Please dress comfortably but appropriately for the examination. The examination room is usually climate controlled. However, it is not always possible to maintain a temperature suitable to each candidate. It is suggested that you dress in layers that can be removed if you become uncomfortable. For security reasons, Prometric does not allow bulky jackets to be worn.

V. Administrative Policies

Rules for the Examination

1. No examination materials, documents, or memoranda of any kind are to be taken from an examination room.
2. Computer knowledge is not required to take a computerized examination. Before the examination begins, a simple introductory lesson (tutorial) is presented that explains the process of selecting answers and moving from question to question. The time you spend on the tutorial does not count against the time allotted for the examination. You may select your answers using either the keyboard or the mouse. You are strongly encouraged to take the tutorial prior to taking the examination.
3. You should alert Prometric staff immediately to disruptions occurring within the testing room or computer malfunctions while taking the examination.
4. You are permitted to sign out and leave the room for a break. However, the time remaining on your examination will continue to elapse. This means any time you spend on a break is time that you are electing not to spend on the examination.
5. Do not bring food or drink into an examination room.

Change of Address

If you have a change of address, you must submit it in writing to the Physical Therapy Section of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board within 30 days from the change. You may submit that information using any of the Board office contact information listed below.

Who to Contact for Questions

Licensure Applications, Laws & Rules, Fees, Testing Accommodations Information

Physical Therapy Section

Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board
77 South High Street, 16th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-6108
Phone: (614) 466-3774
Fax: (614) 995-0816
Email: board@otptat.ohio.gov
<http://otptat.ohio.gov>

Examination Registration Information

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy

124 West Street South
Third Floor
Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone: (703) 739-9420
Email: examregistration@fsbpt.org
<http://www.fsbpt.org> or <https://pt.fsbpt.net> (note the “s” after “http”)

Prometric Testing Centers

Registration: (800) 796-9857
Testing Accommodations: (800) 967-1139
<http://www.prometric.com> (to schedule your exam appointment or locate a test center)

Appendix A
Ohio Jurisprudence Examination Content Outline

Category	Section	Ohio Revised Code	Ohio Administrative Code	Specs: # of Items (40 Item Test)	Specs: % Items
1000 Legislative Intent & Definitions	1100 Definition of physical therapy	4755.40 (A)		2	7.5% (3 items)
	1200 Definition of physical therapist and physical therapist assistant	4755.40 (B) 4755.40 (C)		1	
	1300 Definition of supervision	4755.40 (D)		0	
2000 Powers and Duties of the Board	2100 Powers and Duties	4755.41 4755.02		3	7.5% (3 items)
3000 Licensure & Examination	3100 Qualifications; Requirements	4755.42 4755.70		0	27.5% (11 items)
	3200 Examination and Application	4755.43	4755-23-01	0	
	3300 Foreign Educated Licensure		4755-23-12	0	
	3400 Licensure by Reciprocity/Endorsement	4755.45 4755.451	4755-23-04	2	
	3500 License Renewal; Reinstatement	4755.46	4755-23-06 4755-23-10	4	
	3600 Continuing Education; Waiver; Approval of Courses; Granting Units	4755.51 4755.511 4755.52 4755.53	4755-23-08 4755-23-09	4	
	3700 Requirements for Teaching	4755.482	4755-23-13	1	

Ohio Jurisprudence Examination Content Outline (continued)

Category	Section	Ohio Revised Code	Ohio Administrative Code	Specs: # of Items (40 Item Test)	Specs: % Items
4000 Patient Care Management	4100 Lawful practice; use of titles		4755-27-01	2	25% (10 items)
	4200 Supervision and Delegation		4755-27-02	4	
			4755-27-03 4755-27-04		
	4300 Documentation/Medical Records		4755-27-07	1	
4400 Referral		4755.481		3	
5000 Disciplinary Actions; Unlawful Practice; Ethical Conduct	5100 Grounds for disciplinary action; form of business entities	4755.47		4	27.5% (11 items)
		4755.471			
	5200 Disciplinary violation action and proceedings; Denial	4755.48	4755-21-03	4	
5300 Ethical conduct		4755-27-05	3		
6000 Consumer Advocacy	6100 Surrender of License		4755-28-01	1	5% (2 items)
	6200 Display of License		4755-23-05	1	

Note: Number of items and percentage of test drawn from each content area are based on 40 scored items.