

ABPTS List of State Boards Accepting Specialty Certification for License Renewal Credit

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State Board	Credit for ABPTS Specialty Certification	Credit for ABPTS Recertification	Practice Act Category or Link	Unit of Credit Awarded (Maximum)	Unit of Credit Awarded for Recert
Alabama	Yes	Yes	APTA approved/accredited programs recognized		
Alaska	Yes	Yes	courses or programs recognized by APTA (Practice Act 12 AAC 54.405). Approval may be required.		
Arizona	Not stated	Not stated	Practice Act		
Arkansas	Approval required	Approval required	courses in the area of clinical application, clinical management, behavioral science, science or scientific research.	2	
California	Yes	Yes	ABPTS Certified Specialist Exams accepted	6	6
Colorado	No	No	https://dora.colorado.gov/		
Connecticut	Approval required	Approval required	state law does not specifically identify approved coursework		
Delaware	Not stated	Not stated	Practice Act		
D.C.	Yes	Yes	all programs approved by APTA (Practice Act 6707.6)	20	
Florida	Yes	Yes	courses approved by APTA accepted (Practice Act 486.109)	24	
Georgia	Yes	Yes	Specialty Certification or Recertification	26	26
Hawaii	Yes	Yes	Specialty Certification or Recertification	15	15
Idaho	Not stated	Not stated	Practice Act		
Illinois	Yes	Yes	Specialty Certification	20	
Indiana	Yes	Yes	Specialty Certification; Advanced Proficiency in Category 2	5	
Iowa	No	No	Iowa Practice Act		
Kansas	Yes	Approval required	Specialty Certification	40	
Kentucky	Yes	Yes	Specialty Certification or Recertification.	28	28
Louisiana	Yes	Yes	Initial Certification	10	
Maine	No requirements available				
Maryland	No	No	https://health.maryland.gov/bphte/Pages/regs.aspx		
Massachusetts	Approval required	Approval required	General Requirements		
Michigan	Yes	Yes	Specialty Examination, PTA Pathways program	23	
Minnesota	Yes	Yes	ABPTS Specialty certification; Advanced Proficiency	18	
Mississippi	Yes	Approval required	Specialty Certification	15	
Missouri	Yes	Yes	Specialty Certification or Recertification (Section D of Acceptable CE)	30	30
Montana	Yes	Approval required	Specialty Certification coursework	15	

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Nebraska	Approval required	Approval required	not specifically cited but accepts "Formal Education Courses"		
Nevada	Yes	Yes	form must be filled out online, ABPTS exam is accepted	15	15
New Hampshire	Yes	Not stated	See Rule 406.19 Specialty Certification Examination accepted	24	
New Jersey	Yes	Yes	ABPTS Specialty Certification (Practice Act 13:39A-9.3)	15	15
New Mexico	Yes	Approval required	Specialty Examination	30	
New York	Yes	Approval required	Specialty Certification	36	
North Carolina	Yes	Yes	Advanced Training - Specialty Certification/Recertification	20	20
North Dakota	Yes	Yes	Certified Activities- "Clinical Certification Program"/	15	15
Ohio	Yes	Yes	ABPTS Specialty Examination & HTCC Certification Examination	24	6
Oklahoma	Yes	Yes	Category B - Other Continuing Education Activities	10	5
Oregon	Yes	Approval required	ABPTS Specialty Certification examination	24	
Pennsylvania	Approval required	Approval required	Activities must be Board-approved	30	
Puerto Rico	Approval required	Approval required	General Continuing Education Activities	3	
Rhode Island	Yes	Yes	General Continuing Education Activities - education programs approved by APTA	24	
South Carolina	Yes	Yes	Clinical Specialist Certification	30	30
South Dakota	Requirements currently in development				
Tennessee	Yes	Yes	Class 1 Activities- "Specialty Certification" only within two years of initial or recert	26	26
Texas	Yes	Yes	Specialty Examination	30	30
Utah	Approval required	Approval required	Practice Act	40	
Vermont	Yes	Yes	See Continuing Competence table	24	24
Virgin Islands	Approval required	Approval required	Practice Act		
Virginia	Yes	Yes	Type 1 Activity - Certification by ABPTS	20	20
Washington	Yes	Approval required	ABPTS Examination (section J of WAC 246-915-085)		
West Virginia	Yes	Yes	Specialty Examination and Recertification	24	24
Wisconsin	Yes	Yes	Clinical Specialization	12	
Wyoming	Yes	Yes	Catgeory A activity (see Chapter 6 of Rules and Regs)	15	15