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CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on the 7th day of May, 2021, and filed with the agency secretary on the 7th day of May, 2021.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Physical Therapy

x Amendment        New        Repeal (Mark appropriate space)

Rule No. 700-x-2-.01

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended)

Rule Title: Appropriate Education Required.

ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments. The rule was adopted without changes from the proposal.

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION PUBLISHED IN VOLUME XXXIX,  
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2021.

Statutory Rulemaking Authority: Ala. Code § 34-24-193 (a)

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Certifying Officer or his or her Deputy  
Kathy Miller  
Executive Director

NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.

700-X-2-.01      Appropriate Education Required.

(1)            United States Educated Applicants.    Each applicant for licensure as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant must have completed a program of physical therapy education appropriate for preparation as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, respectively, which is approved by the American Physical Therapy Association's Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

(2)            Occupational licenses based on military education, training, or service. A member of the Armed Forces or reserves of the United States, the National Guard of any state, the military reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any state (hereinafter referred to collectively as military member) may petition any accredited college or university in accordance with Board rules to accept the education, training, or service completed by military member to count toward educational credits necessary to receive any degree required for licensure by statute or rule. When an applicant has successfully presented satisfactory evidence of said education, training or service, the board will accept and recognize any degree earned by an applicant from an accredited college or university.

(3) Non-United States Educated Applicants.

(a)            Statement of Policy.    Foreign educated physical therapist applicants must demonstrate educational equivalency to United States educated physical therapists as measured by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).

(b)            Submission of Educational Credentials.    Foreign educated physical therapist applicants shall submit their education credentials to:

FOREIGN CREDENTIALING COMMISSION ON PHYSICAL THERAPY (FCCPT)  
124 West St., South  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
Fax: 703-684-8715

A copy of the evaluation by the credentials evaluating agency must be sent directly to the Board.

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