

Alabama Board of Physical Therapy



Candidate Handbook for the Jurisprudence Examination

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I. Security Information

Passing the Alabama Jurisprudence Examination is required in order to receive your license to practice as a physical therapist, or physical therapist assistant. The Alabama Board of Physical Therapy (Board) requires ALL applicants for licensure to pass the Jurisprudence Examination in order to demonstrate minimal understanding of the statutes and administrative code that governs the practice of physical therapy in Alabama. Requiring a passing score on the Jurisprudence Examination is one assurance that anyone granted physical therapist or physical therapist assistant licensure in Alabama 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 Alabama Rule 700-X-2.02 of the State of Alabama Board of Physical Therapy Administrative Code and Section 34-24-217(4) of the Alabama Physical Therapy Practice Act, **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 Alabama Board of Physical Therapy 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 Alabama 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 Alabama Board of Physical Therapy.
- Applicants who are prosecuted by the Federation or who are reported to the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy for soliciting or sharing questions will severely damage their chances of being licensed pursuant to Rule 700-X-2-.02.

Protect Your Reputation and Your Career!

II. The Examination

Special Accommodations

You must submit appropriate documentation of your request for special accommodations to the office of the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy at the time that you submit your application for licensure. Only those applicants who have been granted approval from the Board will receive special accommodations during testing. For further information about how to request special accommodations, contact the Board's Licensing Administrator at (334) 242-4064, (888) 726-9743 or www.pt.alabama.gov.

Examination Fee, Method of Payment and Registration

Applicants must apply and be approved before they can take the Jurisprudence Examination. In order to avoid delays, applicants should register with the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) for the Jurisprudence Examination at the time of application by Examination or by Endorsement to the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy.

The fee for the Jurisprudence Exam is \$90. This fee is in addition to the application fee submitted to the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy, 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:

- **\$65 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 or you may mail your payment to FSBPT. FSBPT accepts cashier's checks, certified checks, and money order (personal checks are not accepted) .
- **\$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"). It is recommended that you register with the FSBPT at the time you submit your application for licensure to the Board of Physical Therapy to avoid delays.
2. Once the Board of Physical Therapy has approved you to sit for the examination, they 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.
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 you may 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 Alabama Physical Therapy Practice Act and the Alabama Administrative Code, into the examination room. The Jurisprudence Examination will cover:

- Alabama Physical Therapy Practice Act
- Alabama Administrative Code

These materials are provided to all applicants for physical therapist licensure and physical therapist assistant certification after the licensure/certification application and fee have been filed with the office of the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy. The statutes and administrative code may also be downloaded from the Board's web-site at www.pt.alabama.gov.

The Alabama Jurisprudence Examination Content Outline is attached as Appendix A.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

Name: _____

ID: _____

_____1. Supervision of a physical therapy aide in an outpatient setting where the supervisor is also working requires ?

1. Supervision by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant once every seven days.
2. On-site supervision by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.
3. Communication accessibility by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.
4. Direct supervision by the referring physician.

_____2. According to the Alabama Administrative Code, disciplinary action may be initiated against a physical therapist for?

1. Failure to report loss of job due to professional incompetence.
2. Administering topical medications for use in physical therapy.
3. Failure to wear a name tag.
4. Treatment with a referral from a dentist.

_____3. Which of the following may a physical therapist delegate to a physical therapist assistant?

1. Initial evaluation of a patient.
2. Re-evaluation of a patient.
3. Interpretation of the initial evaluation.
4. Reporting of the patient's progress.

Correct Answers: (1.) 2; (2.) 1; (3.) 4

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. Pre-test questions are **NOT** identified so that they won't be skipped by the candidate thereby rendering the results invalid. The development of a valid examination requires accurate candidate response information for the pre-test questions.

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 Alabama Board of Physical Therapy. The Board office will notify you of your results. A scaled score of 600 is required in order to pass the examination.

Re-Examination Information

An applicant who fails to achieve the required passing score on the 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.

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.

Watches with alarms must be disabled during the examination administration.

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 Alabama Board of Physical Therapy 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

Alabama Board of Physical Therapy

100 North Union Street, Suite 724
Montgomery, Al. 36130-5040
(334) 242-4064, (334) 242-3603, (888) 726-9743
Fax # (334) 242-3288
Email: nk.horner@pt.alabama.gov , sheila.wright@pt.alabama.gov

Registration On-line Information

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
509 Wythe Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Exam Services: (703) 739-9420
examregistration@fsbpt.org
<http://www.fsbpt.org>

Prometric Testing Centers

Registration: 1-800-796-9857
Special Accommodations, 1-800-967-1139
www.prometric.com (to schedule your exam appointment or locate a test center)

Appendix A

Alabama Jurisprudence Examination Content Outline

Model Practice Act Key Area	Section	Code of Alabama (Practi	Alabama Administrative Code	Specs: # Items	% of Exam
1000 Legislative Intent and Definitions	1100 Legislative Intent		700-X-1-.01	1	12.5%
	1200 Definition of Physical Therapy/Practice of Physical Therapy	Section 34-24-191 (1)		2	
	1300 Definition of Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant, Support Personnel	Section 34-24-191 (2) through (5), (7)		2	
2000 Board of Physical Therapy: Powers and Duties	2100 Board Powers and Duties/Regulate Practice	Section 34-24-192 Section 34-24-193 Section 32-24-216 (b,c)	700-X-1-.02 (1) 700-X-1-.09 (3) 700-X-1-.14 700-X-1-.15 700-X-5-.01 through .05	5	12.5%

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Model Practice Act Key Area	Section	Code of Alabama (Practice Act)	Alabama Administrative Code	Specs: # Items	% of Exam
3000 Licensure and Examination	3100 Qualifications for Licensure/Examination/Licensure by Endorsement	Section 34-24-191 (7) Section 34-24-211 Section 34-24-212 Section 34-24-213 Section 34-24-214	700-X-2-.01 700-X-2-.02 700-X-2-.03 700-X-2-.04 700-X-2-.05 700-X-2-.06	4	22.5%
	3200 Renewal of Registration/Renewal of License/Reinstatement/Temporary License	Section 34-24-215 Section 34-24-216 (a)	700-X-2-.08 700-X-2-.09 (1),(2) 700-X-2-.10 700-X-2-.11	2	
	3300 Continuing Competence		700-X-2-.09 (3)	3	
4000 Patient Care Management	4100 Use of Titles and Lawful Practice	Section 34-24-210		2	20%
	4200 Components of Care/Standards of Practice/Supervision		700-X-3-.03	6	
5000 Disciplinary Action/Unlawful Practice	5100 Grounds for Disciplinary Action	Section 34-24-217	700-X-3-.02 700-X-3-.06	3	20%
	5200 Disciplinary Actions: Complaints and Due Process Procedures	Section 34-24-194	700-X-4-.01 through .05, .09	3	
	5300 Disciplinary Actions: Penalties	Section 34-24-196	700-X-4-.06 through .08	2	

Alabama Jurisprudence Examination Content Outline (continued)

Model Practice Act Key Area	Section	Code of Alabama (Practice Act)	Alabama Administrative Code	Specs: # Items	Specs: Per Section
6000 Rights of Consumers and the public	6100 Rights of Consumers/Public Records		700-X-1-.13 700-X-3-.01	2	12.5%
	6200 Display of License/Regulation of Advertising		700-X-3-.04 700-X-3-.05	3	

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