

327.020 License required -- Exceptions -- Use of designation or name.

- (1) No person shall practice or hold himself out as being able to practice physical therapy in any manner whatsoever unless he meets the educational requirements of this chapter, is licensed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, he is in good standing with the board and his license is not suspended or revoked. Provided, however, that nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit any person licensed in this state under any other law from engaging in the practice for which such person is duly licensed. Nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit routine and restorative services performed by personnel employed by hospitals, physicians or licensed health care facilities as relates to physical therapists. This chapter does not preclude certified occupational therapists, respiratory technicians or respiratory therapists from practicing as defined in the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Public Health Service, Health Resources Administration, Bureau of Health Manpower, DHEW publication No. (HRA) 80-28, "A Report On Allied Health Personnel." Provided further that persons regularly employed by the United States shall be exempted from the provisions of this chapter while engaged in such employment.
- (2) A licensed physical therapist may hold himself out as a "physical therapist" or "licensed physical therapist" and may use the abbreviations "P.T." or "L.P.T." as a part of or immediately following his name, in connection with his profession.
- (3) It shall be unlawful for any person, or for any business entity, its employees, agents or representatives to use in connection with his or its name or business activity the words "physical therapy," "physical therapist," "physiotherapy," "physiotherapist," "registered physical therapist," the letters "P.T.," "L.P.T." or any other words, letters, abbreviations or insignia indicating or implying directly or indirectly that physical therapy is provided or supplied or to bill for physical therapy unless such physical therapy is provided by or under the supervision of a physical therapist licensed and practicing in accordance with this chapter.
- (4) The provisions of subsection (1) and (3) of this section shall not apply to volunteer health practitioners providing services under KRS 39A.350 to 39A.366.

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