

**POLICY STATEMENT**  
**TENNESSEE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

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**Continuing Education Requirements for Identified High-Risk Prescribers**

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Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-1-128 requires the Tennessee Department of Health to identify high-risk prescribers.

If a prescriber is identified as a high-risk prescriber, the Tennessee Board of Physician Assistants shall notify the prescriber and, if applicable, the prescriber's collaborating physician of the prescriber's identification as a high-risk prescriber and require the prescriber to participate in a continuing education course that is designed to inform providers about the risks, complications and consequences of opioid addiction. The specific continuing education courses and number of hours to be completed by the prescriber shall be determined by the Board.

In order to meet this requirement, it is the Board's position that the prescriber must complete a continuing education course or courses that individually or combined total no less than twenty (20) hours and address the risks, complications and consequences of opioid addiction.

The following list are courses that have been approved by the Tennessee Board of Physician Assistants which address the risks, complications, and consequences of opioid addiction.

- (1) Proper Prescribing of Controlled Substances offered by Vanderbilt Center for Professional Health  
<https://medsites.vumc.org/centerforprofessionalhealth/cph-proper-prescribing-controlled-substances>
- (2) Prescribing Controlled Drugs Course offered by the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians (CPEP)  
<https://www.cpepdoc.org/cpep-courses/prescribing-controlled-drugs/>
- (3) Intensive Course in Controlled Substance Prescribing offered by Case Western Reserve University  
<https://cwru.cloud-cme.com/course/courseoverview?P=0&EID=67528>
- (4) PBI Proper Prescribing Course - Rx-21 offered by PBI Education  
<https://pbieducation.com/courses/rx-21/>
- (5) The following, in combination:
  - (a) Targeted Pain Treatment Conference administered by the Tennessee Pain Society offering 8 CME/CEU;

(b) Tennessee Pain Society Annual Meeting offering 12-plus CME /CEU;

(c) At least three (3) hours of individual mentoring with a volunteer Pain Management Specialist from the Tennessee Pain Society conducted at the Mentor's clinic with the curriculum developed with the input of the DOH, BME and TPS.

Should a prescriber wish to attend a continuing education course that is not listed, a review of the course syllabus by the Board's Consultant will be necessary to assure education regarding the risks, complications and consequences of opioid addiction is included. Prior approval by the Board's Consultant is required for courses not listed.

Approved by the Board of Physician Assistants on July 18, 2025.



Chair  
Board of Physician Assistants