

**Board of Occupational Therapy Practice
Board Approved Providers with Physical Agent Modalities Courses
(Ultrasound and/or Electric Stimulation)
64B11-4.001, Florida Administrative Code**

64B11 4.001, Florida Administrative Codes, requires completion of specific training required to qualify for the use of an electrical stimulation device and to qualify for the use of an ultrasonic stimulation device. These courses are not required to be individually approved by the Board, however to assist licensees with locating providers who offer such courses that meet the required training, we have attempted to keep a compiled list of the Board approved providers that offer such course. Therefore, please note this is not an exclusive list. Additionally, please review the excerpt of 64B11-4.001 Use of Prescription Devices regarding the use of modalities copied below. These providers may be reviewed at: <https://www.CEBroker.com>

1. **ACCELERATED CARE PLUS CORP (ACP)** CE PROVIDER # 50-4214, 9855 DOUBLE R. BLVD., SUITE 100 RENO, NV 89521, PHONE: (800) 350-1100 CONTACT: LANA ROE - EMAIL: CLINICALED@ACPLUS.COM WEBSITE: [HTTP://ACPLUS.COM](http://ACPLUS.COM)
2. **AEGIS THERAPIES** CE PROVIDER # 50-43, 5070 NW 59 WAY, CORAL SPRINGS, FL, CONTACT: ANGELA EDNEY, PHONE: (954) 255-0584, EMAIL: ANGELA_EDNEY@AEGISTHERAPIES.COM
3. **APEX INTEGRATED RESOURCES** CE PROVIDER # 50-130, 1601 OCEAN AVE. SUITE#330 SAN FRANCISCO, CA CONTACT: SARA SHAPIRO, PHONE: (415) 516-7939, EMAIL: APEXPT@PACBELL.NET WEBSITE: [HTTP://SARA@APEXHEALTHSOLUTIONS.COM](http://SARA@APEXHEALTHSOLUTIONS.COM)
4. **CIAO (CAREER IMPROVEMENT ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES)** CE PROVIDER # 50-379, CONTACT: CORY PARODAYCO, PHONE: (888) 909-2426 EMAIL: CORY@CIAOSEMINARS.COM WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.CIAOSEMINARS.COM](http://WWW.CIAOSEMINARS.COM)
5. **ELBAUM AND ASSOCIATES** CE PROVIDER # 50-8931 - 10361 SW 119 STREET MIAMI, FL 33176 CONTACT: LEONARD ELBAUM, PHONE: 305-232-9060, EMAIL: ELBAUMAND@AOL.COM WEBSITE: [HTTP://LEONARDELBAUM.COM](http://LEONARDELBAUM.COM)
6. **EMPOWER REHAB AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC.** CE PROVIDER # 50-598 - 5400 SW COLLEGE ROAD, OCALA, FL 34472 CONTACT: JOHNATHAN SCHWARTZ, PHONE: (352) 216-0555, EMAIL: JONNYNANCY@MSN.COM
7. **INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES** - CE PROVIDER # 50-1005 -MICHAEL NISS - (954)752-4101 - EMAIL CHEAPCEUS@AOL.COM - WEBSITE: WWW.CHEAPCEUS.COM THIS COURSE IS AVAILABLE ONLINE.
8. **JVB ENTERPRISES, INC.** CE PROVIDER # 50-4760 - 9857 MONTCLAIR CIRCLE APOPKA, FL 32703, CONTACT: TODD BIRMINGHAM, PHONE: (888) 328-6755, EMAIL: BIRM4@AOL.COM WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.TEACHTX.COM](http://WWW.TEACHTX.COM)
9. **ONLINE HEALTH NOW** CE PROVIDER #50-290 - EDIE DEANE - 941-747-5060 EMAIL: EDIE@CARE2LEARN.COM, WEBSITE: WWW.CARE2LEARN.COM
10. **PHYSICAL AGENT MODALITIES PRACTITIONER CREDENTIALING AGENCY, INC.,** CE PROVIDER # 50-4278 - 2020 FIELDSTONE PARKWAY, FRANKLIN TN 37069; CONTACT: DR. SCOTT DOUGLAS MCPHEE, TOLL FREE PHONE: 866-341-4106, EMAIL: PAMPCA@COMCAST.NET, WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.PAMPCA.ORG](http://WWW.PAMPCA.ORG)
11. **RICHARD ROBITAILLE, M.ED., D.C.** CE PROVIDER # 50-1698, 4417 BEAGLE STREET ORLANDO, FL CONTACT: RICHARD ROBITAILLE, PHONE: 407-445-2258, EMAIL: SEMINARDOC2000@YAHOO.COM

Please Note: This is not an inclusive or complete list. There may be other courses/providers that are acceptable according to the CE Rule. Revised 05-04-11.

64B11-4.001 USE OF PRESCRIPTION DEVICES.

(1) Electrical Stimulation Device

(a) Use of an electrical stimulation device for which a prescription is required by Federal law, 21 C.F.R. 801.109, is expressly prohibited by Section 468.203(4), F.S., except by an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant who has received training as prescribed in this rule.

(b) For purposes of this rule, an “electrical stimulation device” is any device for which a prescription is required which employs transcutaneous electric current (direct, alternating, or pulsatile) for therapeutic purposes.

(c) The training required to qualify for the use of an electrical stimulation device shall include didactic training of at least four (4) hours and performance of at least five (5) treatments under supervision. The required training may be obtained through educational programs, workshops, or seminars offered at a college or university approved for training of occupational therapists by the American Occupational Therapy Association or of physical therapists by the American Physical Therapy Association or at clinical facilities affiliated with such accredited colleges or universities or through educational programs offered by the American Society of Hand Therapists or Florida Occupational Therapy Association.

(d) Supervised treatment sessions shall be conducted under the supervision of licensed occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants who have completed four hours of coursework in the use of electrical stimulation devices and five (5) supervised treatments or licensed physical therapists and physical therapist assistants trained in the use of electrical stimulation devices. Treatment supervisors must have a minimum of 24 months prior experience in the use of electrical stimulation devices.

(e) The training provided which teaches the therapeutic uses of electrical stimulation devices shall provide for the following minimum competency level:

1. Standards.

a. The expected outcome of treatments with Therapeutic Electrical Current (hereinafter T.E.C.) must be consistent with the goals of treatment.

b. Treatment with T.E.C. must be safe, administered to the correct area, and be of proper dosage.

c. Treatment with T.E.C. must be adequately documented.

2. Current Duration and Mode.

a. Ability to determine the duration and mode of current appropriate to the patient’s neurophysiological status while understanding Ohm’s Law of electricity, physical laws related to the passage of current through various media, as well as impedance.

b. Ability to describe normal electrophysiology of nerve and muscle; understanding generation of bioelectrical signals in nerve and muscle; recruitment of motor units in normal muscle and in response to a variety of external stimuli.

c. Ability to describe normal and abnormal tissue responses to external electrical stimuli while understanding the differing responses to varieties of current duration, frequency and intensity of stimulation.

3. Selection of Method and Equipment

a. Ability to identify equipment with the capability of producing the preselected duration and mode.

b. Ability to describe characteristics of electrotherapeutic equipment and understanding the therapeutic value of different electrotherapeutic equipment.

c. Ability to describe safety regulations governing the use of electrotherapeutic equipment.

d. Ability to describe principles of electrical currents.

e. Ability to describe requirements/idiosyncrasies of body areas and pathological conditions with respect to electrotherapeutic treatment.

4. Preparation of Treatment.

Ability to prepare the patient for treatment through positioning and adequate instructions.

5. Treatment Administration.

a. Ability to correctly operate equipment and appropriately adjust the intensity and current while understanding rate of stimulation, identification of motor points, and physiological effects desired.

b. Ability to adjust the intensity and rate to achieve the optimal response, based on the pertinent evaluative data.

6. Documentation of Treatments.

Ability to document treatment including immediate and long-term effects of therapeutic electrical current.

(f) Any occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant who uses such electrical stimulation device shall, upon request of the Board, or the Department, present proof that he or she has obtained the training required by this rule.

(2) Ultrasound Device.

(a) Use of an ultrasound device for which a prescription is required by Federal law, 21 C.F.R. 801.109, is expressly prohibited by Section 468.203(4), F.S., except by an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant who has received training as prescribed in this rule.

(b) For purposes of this rule, an “ultrasound device” is any device intended to generate and emit ultrasonic radiation for therapeutic purposes at ultrasonic frequencies above 100 kilohertz (kHz).

(c) The training required to qualify for the use of an ultrasonic stimulation device shall include didactic training of at least four (4) hours and performance of at least five (5) treatments under supervision. The required training may be obtained through educational programs, workshops, or seminars offered at a college or university approved for training of occupational therapists by the American Occupational Therapy Association or of physical therapists by the American Physical Therapy Association or at clinical facilities affiliated with such accredited colleges or universities or educational programs offered through the American Society of Hand Therapists or Florida Occupational Therapy Association.

(d) Supervised treatment sessions shall be conducted under the supervision of licensed occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants who have completed four hours of coursework in the use of ultrasound devices and five (5) supervised treatments or licensed physical therapists and physical therapist assistants trained in the use of ultrasound devices. Treatment supervisors must have a minimum of 24 months prior experience in the use of ultrasound devices.

(e) The training provided which teaches the therapeutic uses of ultrasound devices shall provide for the following minimum competency level:

1. Standards.

- a. The expected outcome of treatment with ultrasound must be consistent with the goals of treatment.
- b. Treatment with ultrasound must be safely administered to the correct area, and be of proper dosage.
- c. Treatment with ultrasound must be adequately documented.

2. Instrumentation.

- a. Ability to describe the physiological effects of pulsed versus continuous modes as well as differentiate tissue responses to the modes of application.
- b. Ability to describe ultrasound absorption characteristics of various body tissues and identify sources and causes of excessive absorption in normal versus abnormal tissue.
- c. Ability to determine the medium to be used and the temperature of that medium.
- d. Ability to select the appropriate sound head size and contour considering the area and condition being treated.
- e. Ability to describe equipment characteristics, indications and contraindications for treatment, including identifying source and mechanisms of generation of ultrasound energy and its transmission through air and physical matter.

3. Preparation for Treatment. Ability to prepare the patient for treatment through positioning and adequate instruction.

4. Determination of Dosage. Ability to determine dosage through determination of target depth, chronicity versus acuteness of the condition, and application of power/dosage calculation rules.

5. Treatment Administration. Ability to administer treatment through identification of controls, sequence of operation, correct sound head application techniques and application of all safety rules and precautions.

6. Documentation of Treatment. Ability to document treatment, including immediate and long-term effects of clinical ultrasound.

(f) Any occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant who uses such ultrasound device shall, upon request of the Board, or the Department, present proof that he or she has obtained the training required by this rule.

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