

## AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 207, 6504, 6507, 6731, and 6734 of the Education Law and Chapter 594 of the Laws of 2023.

1. Subdivision (b) of section 52.43 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended to read as follows:

(b) Curriculum. In addition to meeting all applicable provisions of this Part, to be registered as a program leading to licensure in physical therapy which meets the requirements of section 77.1 of this Title, the program shall result in a [master's or higher] doctoral degree in physical therapy or its equivalent, and shall require the student to have completed [at least 150 semester credit hours or its equivalent of postsecondary study, including] a total of 90 semester credit hours, or their equivalent, in the following areas:

- (1) basic health sciences;
- (2) medical sciences;
- (3) clinical sciences: examination and evaluation;
- (4) clinical sciences: interventions;
- (5) related professional; and
- (6) clinical education.

2. Subdivision (b) of section 77.1 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended to read as follows:

(b) To meet the professional education requirement for licensure in this State, the applicant shall present evidence of:

(1) a [master's or higher] doctoral degree in physical therapy from a program registered by the department or accredited by an acceptable accrediting agency, or determined by the department to be the equivalent. [; or

(2) completion of a program satisfactory to the department which is substantially equivalent to a master's degree program in physical therapy registered by the department and which culminates in the degree or diploma accepted by the civil authorities of the country in which the studies were completed as satisfying the educational requirements for the practice of physical therapy in that country.]