

BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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KANSAS STATE BOARD OF
HEALING ARTS

In the Matter of)
)
LINDA M. CHRISTEN)
Applicant for Certification as a PTA)
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Docket No. 04-HA-15

ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATION

NOW on the Eighteenth day of October, 2003, comes before the Kansas Board of Healing Arts ("Board"), in conference hearing, the application for certification as a Physical Therapist Assistant filed by Linda M. Christen ("Applicant"). Applicant appears in person. Kelli Benintendi, Associate Counsel, appears for the Board.

After reviewing the file, hearing statements from the Applicant, and upon receiving information from Ms. Benintendi, the Board finds:

1. Applicant holds current active licenses to practice as a Physical Therapist Assistant in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Indiana, and New York.
2. Applicant received her degree for Physical Therapy Assistant from Newbury Junior College, located in Holliston, Massachusetts, having attended that school from September, 1980 to May, 1982.
3. Applicant completed her physical therapist examination administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy on June 11, 1984, and received a raw score confidential
4. At the time the Applicant completed her examination in Vermont, Kansas regulations required that an applicant achieve a score of 1.5 standard deviation below the National Mean with a converted raw score of 75 or above. Applicant's test scores indicated a converted score of

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That regulatory requirement has been modified.

5. The Board is aware that in 1984, all states did not use the same scoring method. All states now use a criterion referencing score with 600 or above as passing.

6. Applicant has practiced as Physical Therapist Assistant for twenty years and has provided an employment history and listing of continuing education hours completed for the Board's review.

7. The Board is satisfied that standards for licensure in the four other states where Applicant has been licensed are as high as the current standards utilized in the state of Kansas and that Applicant is entitled to receive a certificate as a Physical Therapist Assistant without examination under the provisions of K.S.A. 65-2909(b).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a certificate as a Physical Therapist Assistant be issued to Applicant under the provisions of K.S.A. 65-2909(b).

DATED this 12th Day of November, 2003.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATION** was served on the 13th day of November, 2003, by depositing same in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid and addressed to:

Linda M. Christen, P.T.A.
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and a copy was hand-delivered to:

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lauren I. Luning", is written over a horizontal line.