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If the required course of at least 46 hours of in-person dry needling training is broken up into more than one part, then a licensed physical therapist is permitted the limited practice of dry needling once he or she has completed each part of the training as long as such practice is confined to the scope of the training already successfully completed, and with the understanding that all parts of the coursework will be successfully completed within 2 years of the start date of the course.

If the licensee has not completed at least 46 hours of in-person dry needling training within 2 years, then he/she must stop performing dry-needling at any level until he/she has completed at least 46 hours.

Once the licensed physical therapist has completed a minimum of 46 hours of in-person training in dry needling, then he or she may practice dry needling fully and without limitation as allowed in a physical therapist's scope of practice and commensurate with his or her knowledge, skill, ability, and competency.

