

Country Information

Country Name: **Germany**

Recognition or accreditation within the country's educational system:

- **Stiftung zur Akkreditierung von Studiengängen in Deutschland**

Secondary Credentials that are eligible for general education credit (if any):

- **13-year Abitur programs yield up to 30 semester credits in general education credit.**
- **General education credit is given for German *abitur (Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife)* when it represents completion of 13 years of primary and secondary education. No general education credit is given for the 12-year *Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife* or for any other German secondary education credential.**

Title of degree that allows Physical Therapy Practice in country of education:

- **Zeugnis über die Staatliche Prüfung für Physiotherapeuten;**
- **Physiotherapiediplom;**
- **Bachelor of Science Physiotherapie**
 - **The entry level degree in Physiotherapy education must be completed at the Bachelor level to be considered for FCCPT evaluation.**

Documents required by the FCCPT:

- **Diploma notarized and sent by applicant**
- **Original Source directly from Institution –**
 - **Transcript of Records or Diploma Supplement**
 - **Detailed Syllabus**
 - **Verification of clinical internship hours**

Common missing subjects (general education):

General Education is defined as non-physical therapy coursework

- **Humanities**
- **Physical Sciences**
- **Biological Sciences**

Common missing subjects (physical therapy education):

- **Emergency Procedures**
- **Cultural Competency**
- **Consultation**
- **Screening**
- **Delegation**

Special information for applicants:

- **Physiotherapy education in Germany (except for the new bachelor's degree programs) is not part of the German higher education system.**
- **FCCPT will not recognize the German physiotherapy educational credentials, unless the applicant has earned the new Bachelor of Science Physiotherapie degree.**

Legal requirements for professional Physical Therapy practice:

- **In Germany, therapists must be licensed to practice by a local physiotherapy board.**
- **Once a local board has granted a license, it can be used to practice anywhere in Germany.**
- **To become licensed a therapist must pass a state examination.**