



## Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy

This FCCPT newsletter provides accurate and up-to-date information on credentialing of foreign graduates for U.S. physical therapy licensure boards. It will answer questions about credentialing of foreign educated PTs and PTAs and provide information about credentialing services offered to licensing boards and applicants.

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## FCCPT News

### ***What's New with FCCPT?***

FCCPT appreciates the overwhelming support shown to our organization during the last month since Dr. Susan Lindeblad's sudden passing. Mrs. Jaime Nolan, Assistant Director of FCCPT, has stepped into the leadership role at FCCPT. She has been with FCCPT since 2001 and has over 20 years of credentialing experience. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to Jaime Nolan at [jnolan@fccpt.org](mailto:jnolan@fccpt.org).

### ***What Coursework Evaluation Tool (CWT) does your Jurisdiction require/accept?***

FCCPT is often asked by our applicants what CWT each jurisdiction requires. We make every effort to always have the most updated information for each jurisdiction. If your jurisdiction has made a rule change or a change in law that effects the licensing of foreign trained physical therapists, please notify FCCPT as soon as possible. This allows us to offer better customer service to our applicants by providing accurate information

regarding what CWT the state requires or accepts. This information can be emailed to Jaime Nolan at [jnolan@fccpt.org](mailto:jnolan@fccpt.org).

### ***How to read equivalent statements in the evaluation report***

Two years ago FCCPT updated the education evaluation report sent to the jurisdictions to include the equivalency statement at the beginning of the document for ease of reading. However, we do send out older versions of the evaluation report in which the equivalency statement is at the end of the document. Below are examples of where you can locate the equivalency statements in our current reports and in our older reports.

*Example 1: Current reports show the equivalency statement at the beginning.*

#### **Report of Evaluation of Educational Credentials**

<b>File Number:</b>	<b>Applicant's File Number</b>
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Applicant's Name</b>
<b>Country:</b>	<b>List of Countries the applicant was education in</b>
<b>Purpose of Evaluation:</b>	<b>PT Licensure</b>
<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Prepared for:</b>	<b>List who the evaluation was prepared for and the version of the CWT that was used</b>

The following is a review and analysis of the educational documents of Applicant's Name, File # Applicant's file number, which have been submitted to us by the appropriate educational institutions in India, the Philippines, and the United States.

**Equivalency Summary**  **example of report with equivalency at the beginning**  
Based on the documents provided, it is our opinion that Applicant's Name education is substantially equivalent to the first professional degree in physical therapy in the United States at the time of graduation. The first professional degree was the master's degree or higher.

*Example 2: Older reports show the equivalency statement at the end. These reports are still sent to jurisdictions as Duplicate Reports when the applicant requests this service.*

### **Course Content and Credit Requirements**

Applicant's Name has the U.S. equivalent of 75.00 semester credits in general education and 105.00 semester credits in professional education for a total of 180.00 semester credits. In addition, 10.50 hours of credit appear in Appendix B, bringing the overall total to 190.50 semester credits. The courses in Appendix B did not fit in either the general education or the professional education portions of the Coursework Evaluation Tool. The credits did count towards graduation and deserve inclusion in the overall total.

The attached Coursework Evaluation Tool includes courses taken and passed by Applicant's Name with a grade equivalent of 'C' or higher based on the above scale. He has 75.00 semester credits in general education. All required content areas are identified.

Applicant's Name 105.00 semester credits of professional education satisfy the minimum requirements of ninety (90) semester credits in professional education. All required content areas are identified. The required period of fulltime internship was successfully completed.

### **Summary** **example of report with equivalency statement at the end of the report**

Based on the documents provided, it is our opinion that Applicant's Name education is substantially equivalent to the first professional degree in physical therapy in the United States. The first professional degree in the United States is the master's degree or higher.

***Did you know*** that FCCPT offers a PLAN-Full (Planned Learning and Assistance Network) service that helps applicants find coursework to meet their specific content deficiencies and includes a free Re-evaluation?

This service pre-approves courses before they are taken to ensure that they meet the required content. Once the applicant has taken all the pre-approved coursework, a free Re-evaluation is completed.

***Do you have a topic or question*** for future editions of FCCPT News?

Great! Email [help@fccpt.org](mailto:help@fccpt.org).



## **Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy**

### ***Mission***

To support protection of the public through the evaluation and authentication of credentials and provision of related services in an ethical manner.

### ***Vision***

FCCPT is *the* recognized authority in the evaluation of educational equivalence, credentials and qualifications.

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