

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

### **FCCPT Suspends Type II Visa Screen Process Effective September 1, 2009**

USCIS requires that educational equivalence to US standards be determined in order to issue a Healthcare Worker Certificate for an H1B Visa. The Type II Visa Screen was initially developed to streamline the process for applicants already working in the US as licensed PTs who met the criteria for exemption from some of the requirements. In those cases, an educational equivalency review was not required.

The FCCPT has determined that the original purpose of the Type II Visa Screen has been achieved. The Type I process is now completed on average within three weeks; thus there is no longer a need for streamlining the process. In addition, the Type I process includes a comprehensive educational credentials review, which USCIS field offices require as part of the documentation for an H1B Visa. Therefore, the FCCPT will suspend accepting Type II Visa Screen applications on September 1, 2009.

### **Pending Type II Requests**

Those applicants with a pending Type II request may complete the Type II service or they may change to the Type I service, prior to December 31, 2009 applicants will need to submit a fax with a signature requesting the change followed by a new attestation form for the Type I. After the change has been implemented, applicants can then log in and make the additional payment online, along with the \$100.00 service fee for all changes.

The requirements for the Type I include:

- 1) English Language Proficiency on the TOEFL exams (unless exempt).
- 2) Verification of eligibility to practice in country of education.
- 3) Educational equivalency to the current US standards of education.
  - o The FCCPT does an educational review based upon content. Applicants will need to have completed a minimum of 60 semester credits in general

education and 90 in professional education, as well as meet the content requirements from the Coursework tool (CWT).

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