



Planned Learning and Assistance Network (PLAN) Update

PLAN has continued to be an actively used service provided by the FCCPT to foreign educated PTs whose education was found to not be substantially equivalent to US PT educational programs. Our first year provided individualized services to 200 applicants and we are on track to do the same in 2009.

The latest update includes the implementation of the newest Coursework Tool (CWT 5). The CWT 5 will go into effect as of July 1, 2009 and will then be the *current* CWT. The CWT 5 is based on the 2006 CAPTE standards for U.S. physical therapy programs.

The new CWT 5 will be required for those applicants who graduated after June 30, 2009, and for those seeking licensure in a state that requires use of the *current* CWT for all applicants.

The requirements in the CWT 5 are:

Professional Education

Clinical Science – Examination and Evaluation

- Metabolic problems: examination and evaluation
 - *Related Professional Coursework*
- Emergency procedures
- Cultural competency
- Consultation, screening, and delegation

General Education

- One (not two) chemistry + lab course
- One (not two) physics + lab course

You may also review the new CWT 5 at the Federation's website, www.fsbpt.org. Click on Regulatory Tools /CWT. Scroll down the page and click on CWT 5.

We are currently communicating with those physical therapy programs that might be willing to provide education opportunities for those applicants who are deficient in these content areas. A primary role of PLAN is to provide the applicant with a list of potential academic resources for their academic deficiencies.

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