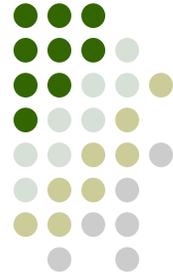




Program Director Newsletter



...In the Hands of
the World's Finest...

Thank you!!

Over the years the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT) has had the opportunity to work with over 40,000 internationally educated physical therapists, a number of these may have been your graduates. The Board of Directors and staff of the FCCPT would like to express our gratitude for your continued cooperation in serving the graduates of your program who seek licensure in the United States.

Please visit our website www.fccpt.org for additional information on the current services and to view notices if changes are pending.

Our **Call Center** is open from 10:30 am to Noon and 3:30 to 5:00 pm (ET) Monday through Friday 703-684-8406. The lines are designed to ring busy if all staff are busy to avoid unwanted long distance charges.

The **Help Desk** is reachable via e-mail:

Help@fccpt.org Our goal is to reply to all helpline e-mails within two working days. The Help Desk is usually the best way to get an answer to a question as this allows us time to do our research and to answer appropriately and completely.

All the Best!

Susan K. Lindeblad, PT, PhD
Director of Credentialing Services

The FCCPT is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support protection of the public through the evaluation and authentication of credentials and provision of related services in an ethical manner.

Why would someone consider the FCCPT?

The FCCPT is the only credentialing agency in the United States that is recognized by all 53 jurisdictional licensure agencies, as well as, USCIS for the provision of the Healthcare worker certificate needed for visa purposes. We work closely with the licensure boards of the individual states to provide

clear and accurate reviews which reflect not only the national expectations but then provide a second report specific to the state the applicant is applying to for licensure purposes.

The FCCPT has made every attempt to keep our service fees as low as possible for the candidate. We bundle ser-

vices such as the educational credentials review used for licensure with the process for the visa into one service, the Type 1 Comprehensive Review. Our competitors have made this two separate services with fees amounting to almost \$300 US higher.

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Special points of interest:

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The FCCPT was the first to offer an advising and pre-approval service for individuals who have need of finding supplemental courses to complete the evaluation. This service PLAN (Planned Learning and Assistance Network) has been in existence for over 7 years and has assisted over 2,000 individuals. PLAN Full is bundled with a free re-evaluation. A recent start up of a similar program has nearly the same cost, however it limits the amount of interaction with the advisor, and does not include the fee for the re-evaluation. We also offer an incremental PLAN service for individuals who have used another agency. In this case the service is one fee, however, since we cannot pre-approve for another

agency we cannot provide a re-evaluation either.

The FCCPT is in the process of preparing country profiles which will be published on our website (www.fccpt.org) later this year. These are designed to assist future candidates to gather the information they need to applying that may be unique to the country of education.

The Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy (CAPTE) is in the process of reviewing the current Evaluative Criteria for U.S. accredited PT programs. When this review is completed the Federation of State Boards Of PT (FSBPT) will undergo a review of the Coursework Evaluation Tool currently in use and will make adjust-

ments if any are needed to reflect the new CAPTE criteria. This is not expected to take place before 2016, We will attempt to keep programs up-to-date on any expected changes. You can view the proposed new criteria at www.capteonline.org

I would also refer you to the F S B P T website (www.fsbpt.org) to stay apprised of any changes in eligibility criteria to sit for the National Physical Therapy Exam.

Please share this newsletter with your students and graduates.

