

Country Information

Country Name: **Italy**

Recognition or accreditation within the country's educational system:

- **Ministero dell'Universita della Ricerca Scientifica e Tecnologica**

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

- **Maturita Scientifica**

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

- **Diploma di Laurea in Fisioterapia (since 2001)**
- **Diploma Universitario (from 1999, when universities first started to award the degree in physiotherapy)**
- **Diploma di Terapista Della Riabilitazione (issued by hospital based programs 1996 and earlier)**

Documents required by the FCCPT:

- **Diploma notarized and sent by applicant**
- **Original Source directly from Institution –**
 - **Transcript of Records**
 - **Detailed Syllabus**
 - **Documentation of Clinical Hours**

Common missing subjects (general education):

General Education is defined as non-physical therapy coursework.

- **Humanities**
- **Chemistry**
- **Biological Sciences**
- **Social Sciences**
- **Mathematics**
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Common missing subjects (physical therapy education):

- **Integumentary System - Examination, Evaluation**
- **Community Health**
- **Cultural Competency**
- **Consultation**
- **Screening**
- **Delegation**
- **May not meet minimum professional education credits**
- **May not meet minimum total required credits**

Legal requirements for Physical Therapy professional practice:

- **In Italy the professional degree allows the physical therapist to practice.**
- **Professional licensure or registration is not required.**

Special information for applicants:

- **The Diploma di Maturita Scientifica will yield approximately one year (30-32 semester credits) of university level credit.**
- **The Maturita needs to be sent directly to FCCPT by the school where the studies were completed to be accepted for evaluation.**
- **For hospital based programs from 1996 and earlier, we need to be able to verify that the school existed at that time or that it has been taken over by a university.**
 - **The academic documents should include information about the status of the school and the supervising government or education authority that can be contacted for further information about the institution.**