Country Information

Country Name: Japan

Recognition or accreditation within the country's educational system:

Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture

Secondary Credentials that are eligible for general education credit (if any): None

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

- Bachelor of Physical Therapy
- Diploma of Physical Therapy

Required documents:

- Diploma notarized and sent by applicant.
- Original Source directly from the issuing institution:
 - Transcript of Records
 - Detailed Syllabus
 - Documentation of Clinical Hours

Common missing subjects (general education):

General Education is defined as non-physical therapy coursework.

- Chemistry with Laboratory
- Physics with Laboratory

Common missing subjects (physical therapy education):

- Geriatrics
- Pharmacology
- Integumentary System Examination, Evaluation and Interventions
- Emergency Procedures
- Consultation
- Screening
- Delegation

Legal requirements for professional practice:

• Physical therapists must be licensed by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Special information for applicants:

- Applicants who have completed training in rehabilitation at Specialized Training
 Colleges should be aware that it is difficult to verify the existence of these types of
 institutions as they are not accredited by the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports
 and Culture. This type of education is considered to be Physical Therapist Assistant
 level education. FCCPT may have to contact the prefectural government or other local
 education authorities where the institution is located for further verification.
- Short course descriptions from the University catalog are typically not sufficient to complete a credentials evaluation. A complete, accurate, and detailed syllabus for all professional coursework is essential to the evaluation process