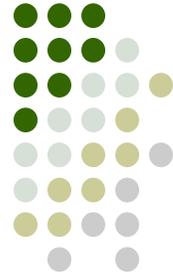




Program Director Newsletter



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

Thank you!!

In August 2014 we sent out our first School Director's newsletter. Thanks for your outstanding reception to this first of many updates from the FCCPT. We are excited to be moving into our 17th year serving as the credentialing agency for licensure and United States Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS). Over the years we have had the joy of completing over 84,000 service requests to the international community of physical / physiotherapists. These consist of educational reviews for licensure, and comprehensive reviews for immi-

gration purposes as well as providing duplicate reports for those who wish to move from state to state.

Many of the advanced educational institutions also rely upon the FCCPT to provide reviews to assist in determining admissions to transitional DPT programs or for advanced studies in other fields. We hope you find this newsletter informative and helpful and that you will share the contents with your students and alumni. Feel free to contact the FCCPT staff with any questions you or your students may have by e-mailing help@fccpt.org

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.

What is New in U.S. Physical Therapy Education?

The Commission on Accreditation of PT Education. (CAPTE), is the agency that accredits all PT and PTA programs in the United States. New CAPTE standards, to be in effect for any programs after January 1, 2016, have now been published and schools are making the appropriate adjustments to curriculum as needed. To view the new

standards go to CAPTE's website:

www.capteonline.org

You will find the link under "what's new".

The Federation of State Boards Of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) will be reviewing, updating and validating the Coursework Evaluation Tool (CWT) to reflect any curriculum changes.

**Visit the
FCCPT Booth
in the exhibit hall
of the WCPT
in Singapore:
May 1-4, 2015**

**Our Booth
Number is G-6**

Dr. Sue Lindeblad and Dr. Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffmann along with members of the FCCPT Board of Directors are looking forward to meeting and chatting with you.

The new CWT 6 will most likely go into effect sometime after 2018. Watch for updates in future newsletters or announcements from the FCCPT.



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Special points of interest:

- Call Center
703-684-8406
- Help Desk
help@fccpt.org

Did You Know?

- FCCPT is the only agency recognized by all 53 jurisdictions.
- FCCPT was the first to offer advising and pre-approval service (PLAN)
- FCCPT bundles some services to reduce costs to applicants
- FCCPT is the only PT credentialing agency to use a consensus model for review. A minimum of four experts review each set of documents to determine evidence in content



Turn Around times for reviews is consistently below 8 weeks, and FCCPT is now able to offer an expedited service of less than 6 weeks for an added cost.

What's New with FCCPT?

Country Profiles have been posted on the website www.fccpt.org

"Country Connections"

24 of the most commonly seen countries have been profiled to identify what documents are needed, and also to list the common coursework that is not identified in documents from those countries. The staff is continuing to add to the profiles this year.

The individual profiles may help your students or alumni to determine if they need some added courses prior to applying for a credentials review, thus saving time and the costs of re-evaluations.

Pre-Service Planned Learning and Assistance Network or PS-PLAN has been launched.

This service can help applicants who know that they need a specific course to supplement their educational background. Applicants can request a list of schools that offer those courses. Most of the options are online coursework.

Requirements

FSBPT announced a change in general education requirements to apply for the NPTE, as of Nov. 1, 2014. There is no longer a minimum credit requirement for general education. The required courses remain, and there must be an overall total of 150 credits and 90 minimum professional credits.

Farewell

Dr. Lindeblad will be retiring from her position in July of 2015, after nearly 14 years of service as Managing Director of FCCPT.

Welcome

We would like to introduce Dr. Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffmann who joined the staff as the Assistant Managing Director in January, and will assume the duties of Managing Director when Dr. Lindeblad leaves. Dr. Luedtke-Hoffmann comes to the FCCPT from Texas, where she was an Associate Professor at Texas Woman's University for 10 years, and served on the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

Look for our new and improved Website due to launch in September of 2015. Staff is busy in working on a search friendly design and re-writing copy to make the visit to the website user-friendly and applicant-centered.

Please share this newsletter with your students and graduates.

