



This quarterly FCCPT newsletter provides accurate and up-to-date information on credentialing of foreign graduates for US physical therapy licensure boards. It will answer questions about credentialing of foreign educated PTs and PTAs and provide information about credentialing services offered to licensing boards and applicants.

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# Did you know?

**Did you know** that the [Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy \(FCCPT\) website](#) has a Jurisdiction Connections page specifically for US physical therapy licensing boards?

**Did you know** that FSBPT will soon publish an update to the guidelines for interpreting the Coursework Tool (CWT) which goes into effect November 1, 2014? This is not a new CWT; it is a reinterpretation of the minimum credits needed in General Education.

The Coursework Tool is used to evaluate whether foreign educated physical therapists' education is substantially equivalent to a US physical therapy education.

Following the recommendations of the 2013 Leadership Issues Forum, FSBPT explored the CAPTE evaluative criteria, and the FSBPT Foreign Educated Standards Committee supported the change in the interpretation, which was then adopted by the FSBPT Board of Directors.

After November 1, 2014, the guidelines no longer require 60 General Education Credits.

All course content areas are still required. However, there is no longer an artificial distinction between General Education and Professional Education (see the example below).

## Current situation VS Changes

### Current

- **60 General Education Credits**
- Required Content in Gen Ed
  - Humanities
  - Chemistry
  - Physics
  - Biological Science
  - Social Science
  - General Psychology
  - Mathematics
- Minimum 90 Professional Ed Credits
- 150 Total minimum Credits.

### New as of November 1, 2014

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**Did you know** that the FCCPT will provide one free update for any reviews completed prior to November 1, 2014, and will allow three months for applicants to make the request?

Jurisdictions that have a requirement for minimum credits in rule or statute may need to make changes. The FCCPT staff will allow applicants three months from the time of any changes to make a request for a new report.

**Did you know** that the FCCPT will be sending out a survey this month to request information from each jurisdiction administrator regarding required minimum credits?

This information will allow us to provide a review based upon your jurisdiction rules.

We appreciate your time responses to this SHORT survey.

We will share your information with other credentialing agencies through FSBPT. In the future if you make changes to your rules, please remember to notify the credentialing agencies that your jurisdiction recognizes.

**Did you know** that the FCCPT staff is available to answer your questions at any time and can be part of your board meeting by invitation via webinar?

**Do you have a topic or question** for future editions of Did You Know?

Great! Email [help@fccpt.org](mailto:help@fccpt.org).

## Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy

### *Mission*

To support protection of the public through the evaluation and authentication of credentials and provision of related services in an ethical manner.

### *Vision*

FCCPT is ***the*** recognized authority in the evaluation of educational equivalence, credentials and qualifications.

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