



Healthcare Direct Staffing (HDS) is proud to announce the International Bridging Program (IBP).



This program was developed to assist International Physical Therapy students bridge the gap when trying to become “substantially equivalent” and gain state licensure in the United States. “Substantially equivalent” in credentialing terms basically means a passed credential evaluation. Unfortunately, this does not occur for most foreign PT applicants. In fact, on average most PT applicants fail a credential evaluation because of the lack of General education courses in the evaluation. General education courses are made up into six compartments, and they are as follows: Humanities, Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences, Social Sciences, Behavioral Sciences and Mathematics. The subjects included are as follows; Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Statistics, Algebra, English, Literature, Philosophy and more to follow. This program has been in development for over 2 years reaching the approval of state licensure and credentialing boards. This unique bridging program is current in accordance with the CAPTE approved programs in the US and meets the standard of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA.)

In Southeast Asian countries in particular, these courses are generally omitted from the Physical Therapy curriculum. In principle, these units are covered in Plus 1 & 2, or the 11th & 12th standard. Therefore when a foreign graduate applies for a credential evaluation the General education courses are lacking. In years past the number of semester credit hours necessary to pass the General education component was 54. However, as of April 2008 the Federal State Board of Physical Therapy has mandated that all students that did not attend a CAPTE accredited program must have a minimum of 60 General education credits and a minimum of 90 Professional education credits. The Professional courses are normally not an issue for foreign graduates because 95% of a PT curriculum consists of Professional courses.

The exclusive program that HDS has designed meets ALL of the necessary requirements for any foreign PT to pass a credential evaluation in all 50 states within the USA. It will allow one to pass a credential evaluation which enables the PT candidate to then apply to the jurisdiction or state that a predetermined job contract entails. On that note, HDS also has the ability to directly hire candidates that complete the IBP and will conduct interviews. Each and every candidate that chooses to work with us is guaranteed a job interview through HDS. We plan on creating a ‘seamless’ transition for all of the potential Physical Therapists by helping them achieve the status of licensed US Physical Therapist.

Benefits to Therapist:

- GUARANTEED JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE U.S.A.
- Personal Financial Loans
- U.S. Equivalency
- Eligible/Qualified for state licensing in all 50 states in the U.S.A.
- Pre-Credentialing at no cost to you
- Your personal counselor will guide you through our **“11 steps to success in the U.S.A. program”**

1. IBP
2. English
3. Credentialing
4. Visa Screen
5. Job Offer
6. State License
7. NPTE
8. Immigration processing thru our in-house legal department
9. Exit interview
10. Land in the U.S.A. for training & orientation
11. Start work

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