

**Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy  
Jurisdiction Licensure Reference Guide  
Topic: Foreign Educated PTs and PTAs**

**PT Requirements for Licensure**

<b>Summary: Number of Jurisdictions that Require:</b>	
Educational Credentials Review	50
Graduation from a program equivalent to CAPTE	37
Eligibility to practice in the country in which education was obtained	26
English language proficiency	43
Clinical Internship in US	14
Clinical Internship prior to licensure	14
Clinical Internship after licensure	1

STATE	Educational credentials review	Graduation from a CAPTE equivalent program	Eligibility to practice in the country in which education was obtained	English language proficiency	Clinical internship in US	Other?	Length of clinical internship	Clinical internship prior to or after licensure?
AL	✓	✓	✓	✓		Jurisprudence exam		
AK	✓	✓		✓	✓		6 months or if by credentials 6 months of practice in home state	Prior to Licensure
AZ	✓		✓	✓	✓		90 days minimum	Prior to Licensure
AR	✓	✓	✓	✓				
CA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	OR equivalent education and experience as defined in regulations	Not to exceed 9 months	Prior to Licensure
CO	✓		✓					
CT	✓	✓						
DE	✓							

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DC	✓			✓				
FL		✓				Jurisprudence Exam		
GA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Jurisprudence Exam	1,000 hours if <2 years active practice prior to application	Prior to Licensure
HI	✓	✓		✓				
ID	✓	✓	✓	✓		Jurisprudence Exam		
IL	✓			✓				
IN	✓							
IA	✓	✓		✓				
KS	✓			✓				
KY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Not less than 3 month or more than 6 months	Prior to Licensure
LA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		6 months with 1000 clinical hours	Prior to Licensure
ME	✓			✓				
MD	✓	✓		✓				
MA	✓		✓	✓				
MI	✓			✓				
MN	✓	✓		✓	✓		6 months	Prior to Licensure
MS	✓	✓		✓				
MO	✓	✓	✓	✓				
MT	✓	✓		✓				

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NE	✓	✓		✓				
NV	✓	✓	✓	✓				
NH	✓			✓				
NJ	✓	✓	✓	✓				
NM	✓		✓					
NY	✓					OR education deemed equivalent by NY Comparative Education Unit		
NC	✓	✓		✓		Jurisprudence Exam		
ND	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		6 months	A time-limited restricted license is issued for the preceptorship time. A full, unrestricted license is issued after completion of the preceptorship
OH	✓	✓	✓	✓		Jurisprudence Exam		
OK	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		800 hours (at least 120 days)	Prior to Licensure
OR	✓	✓	✓	✓				
PA	✓	✓	✓		✓		12 months for other than Endorsement applicants	Prior to Licensure
RI	✓	✓	✓	✓				
SC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		1000 clinical hours	After Licensure
SD	✓	✓		✓				

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TN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		480 hours and shall be accomplished at a rate of no more than 40 hours or no less than 20 hrs per week	Prior to Licensure
TX	✓	✓	✓	✓				
UT	✓	✓						
VT	✓	✓		✓				
VI	✓	✓	✓	✓			1,000 hours	Prior to Licensure
VA	✓	✓		✓	✓		1,000 hours	Prior to Licensure
WA	✓		✓	✓				
WV	✓	✓	✓	✓				
WI	✓			✓				
WY		✓		✓	✓			Prior to Licensure