Do You Want to Work as a PT in Japan?

You must pass the National Physical Therapy Examination. In order to be approved to take the exam, you must first be confirmed by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare as a candidate. This requires documentation indicating that the candidate has received an equivalent of or higher level of education than Japanese physical therapy schools. In terms of language ability, candidates must pass the Japanese Language Proficiency Test Level N1, if they have not graduated from Japanese junior or high school.

Path to Becoming a PT

Various institutions offer physical therapy educational programs.

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Who We Are and What We Do
To achieve everyone's well being and happiness, we Physical Therapists...
- value each and everyone's independence and dignity.
- research and study the methods of physical therapy in order to help people, and devote ourselves in every way to improve the quality of our skills.
- make necessary proposals and enthusiastically join social activities.

Continuing Education Programs

Basic Course in Continuing Education Programs
Certificated Physical Therapist
For those who wish to develop their scientific knowledge and practical experiences
Certificated Physical Therapy Specialist
For those who wish to continue their academic studies in addition to the knowledge learned in the Certificated Physical Therapist program

12 member societies and 10 member subgroups
JPTA has JSPT(Japanese Society of Physical Therapy), consisted of 12 member societies and 10 member subgroups.
- Japanese Society of Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy
- Japanese Society of Physical Therapy Fundamentals
- Japanese Society of Respiratory Physical Therapy
- Japanese Society of Assistive Technologies in Physical Therapy
- Japanese Society of Pediatric Physical Therapy
- Japanese Society of Neurological Physical Therapy
- Japanese Society of Cardiovascular Physical Therapy
- Japanese Society of Sports Physical Therapy
- Japanese Society of Community-based Comprehensive Physical Therapy
- Japanese Society of Physical Therapy for Diabetes Mellitus
- Japanese Society of Physical Therapy for prevention
- Japanese Society of Physical Therapy Education
- Japanese Society of Physical Therapy section on Women's and Men's Health
- Japanese Society of Physical Therapy section on Nutrition & Swallowing
- Japanese Society of Physical Therapy section on School Health and Special Needs Education
- Japanese Society of Physical Therapy section on Oncology
- Japanese Society of Physical Therapy section on Occupational Health
- Japanese Society of Physical Therapy section on Psychiatry and Mental Health
- Japanese Federation of Orthopaedic Manipulative Physical Therapists
- Japanese Society of Physical Therapy section on Animal Practice
- Japanese Society of Physical Therapy section on Electrophysical Agents
- Japanese Society of Physical Therapy section on Management

Scope of Activities

Academic Activities
1. We host academic conferences nationally and regionally.
2. We publish 12 academic journals a year.
3. We host workshops and training sessions with about 206 seminars every year!

Civic Activities
1. JPTA financially and materially supports Physical Therapy week which consists of events held around the country.
2. We participate in government activities supporting the health and welfare of the population.
3. To deal with the aging population, JPTA offers workshops on preventive care and works to inform all able and disabled people about how PT can treat your problems.
4. JPTA contributes to health, wellness and fitness internationally.

High Membership Rate!!
Approximately 80% of Japan's PTs join us!

Work Environment
Hospitals: prefectural, local and private 59%
Offices of health practitioners 8%
Residential care facilities and adult daycare centers 10%
Educators and Researchers 2%

JPTA contributes about 21.3% of gross membership fee to WCPT.

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The number of people who passed the National Physical Therapy Examination
The number of new members

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