Country

Peru

Regulatory Model

Currently the country does not have a regulatory authority that is specific to physiotherapy regulation. The College of Medical Technologies (CTM) represents various professions, physiotherapy being one of them. In Peru, affiliation with a college is mandatory.

Model Description

The College of Medical Technologies (CTM) represents physiotherapists in Peru. The professional designation used is LIC but this protected term is used for Medical Technologists with a specialization in physiotherapy. In order to legally work and be titled “licensed in PT” one must complete a five year bachelor’s program, a thesis, register with the Ministry of Health, and become a member of The College of Medical Technologies. Individuals that only complete the five year bachelor’s program are called “Bachelors in PT” and are not legally allowed to work within the national health system, however, many of them work in private clinics because private clinics are unregulated. Since the hospitals are regulated, it would be difficult for the Bachelors in PT to work in the public sector.

The Asociación Peruana de Terapia Física (ASPETEFI) is the member organization of WCPT, it is not recognized by the government because it is not a college but they mainly deal with professional affairs and capacity training. ASPETEFI is currently trying to pass a law to establish a college of PT in order to be able to leave CTM and regulate the profession.