



ACADEMY ROUNDUP

The Official Newsletter for the APTA Academy of Education

A source of news, announcements, and upcoming events for physical therapy educators.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important! Your CBE Input Needed

Competency-based educational frameworks are increasingly being discussed as a means to ensure that our graduates are prepared to meet knowledge, skill and behavior standards for entry-level practice.

The Academy of Education has created a short survey that seeks to gather your current experiences with competency-based education, explore your perceptions of its effectiveness, and identify perceived needs and challenges related to its implementation.

Your insights will contribute to shaping strategies for the Academy of Education to best support and advance our members in their roles as educators and support the development of competent, patient-centered physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

We appreciate your time and interest in completing this brief survey on competency-based education in physical therapy education. Thank you for sharing your valuable perspectives!

[Take the Survey](#)

Abstract Reviewers Needed for CSM 2026

Help create an excellent roster of speakers for CSM 2026 – volunteer to review abstracts. Volunteers will review 10-15 abstracts in April and May of 2025.

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Building Bridges: A Progressive Model of Interprofessional Healthcare Education for Physical Therapy Students Webinar | February 6, 2025 | 7-8pm

Carlow Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program is pioneering a model of interprofessional education (IPE) aimed at fostering collaboration among several healthcare disciplines (PT, OT, SLP, and PA) and enhancing patient care outcomes.

Webinar participants will learn the benefits and challenges of implementing such a learning model. The purpose of this presentation is to provide a sample “road map” of how to incorporate progressive interprofessional learning opportunities in a PT/PTA program.

Speakers

- Kathleen (Katie) Shroyer, PT, DPT, CBIS, Director of Clinical Education
- Kunal Bhanot, PT, PhD, Chair, Department of Physical Therapy
- Peter Haywiser, PT, DPT, SCCE, Site Coordinator of Clinical Education

- Kelly Kraynick, SPT, Student

Registration Coming Soon!

FHEL Applications Due | March 1st

The Academy of Education's Fellowship in Higher Education Leadership provides current and aspiring leaders in physical therapy education programs with the skills and resources they need to be innovative, influential, and visionary leaders who can function within a rapidly evolving, politico-sociocultural environment.

Applications and nominations for the 52-week fellowship program close March 1. Accepted candidates will begin the fellowship in July and take part in three trimesters of coursework, a mentorship program, and a leadership project.

[Click here](#) to learn more about this award-winning fellowship.

Apply Now!

Admissions Network CSM Open House

Greetings Admissions Network! We hope winter is treating you well. We are writing to invite you to an in-person open house style event at CSM in Houston.

We will be available from 10:15-10:45 am on Thursday 2/13/25 in the Hilton Americas, room 338.

Stop by to say hello, to share what admissions topics you might be interested in hearing about soon, or just to see each other in 3-D!

Hope to see you there,
The Admissions Network Team

Annual Membership Engagement and Business Meeting

Share your input, catch up with colleagues and learn what the Academy of Education has accomplished over the past year at its *Annual Membership Engagement and Business Meeting*.

The agenda will include bylaws changes, nominations, awards, and back by popular demand - table talks! Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be available.

Learn more about the [Bylaws & Proposed Changes](#).

When:
Friday, February 14th

Time:
6:30-9:00 PM

Location:
Hilton Americas Lanier
Grand Ballroom D-F
Houston, TX



Visit Us at CSM!

Come by Booth 1725 at CSM to learn more about our programs, SIGs, upcoming events and more. PLUS spin the wheel and win some Academy of Education merchandise!

APTA CSM 2025: Register and Join One of our Pre-Conference Sessions!

CSM Pre-Conferences

**SIMULATING SUCCESS:
ENHANCED SIMULATION-BASED
EDUCATION DESIGN AND
OPERATIONAL INSIGHTS**

1-day Pre-Conference Course
Wednesday, February 12 | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Denise Romano
PT, MSPT



Matthew L. Bowman
PT, DPT, MSPT



Patti Reuther
MS, RN, CHSE



Lori Sprague
PhD, RN, CHSE


APTA Combined Sections Meeting Feb. 13-15 / Houston, TX

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CSM Pre-Conferences

**CAREER EVOLUTION:
NAVIGATING THE CLINICIAN TO
ACADEMICIAN JOURNEY**

1-day Pre-Conference Course
Wednesday, February 12 | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Kirsten Potter
PT, DPT, MS



Tricia Prokop
PT, EdD, MS, CSCS

APTA Combined Sections Meeting Feb. 13-15 / Houston, TX

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Registration for the Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) is now open! APTA CSM 2025 will be held February 13th - 15th in Houston, Texas. Be a part of the largest physical therapy conference! Join thousands of PTs, PTAs and students of physical therapy for programming and events you won't find anywhere else.

Join us for one of the Academy of Education's CSM pre-conference sessions. We look forward to welcoming you to Houston for an engaging conference with networking and innovative education sessions.

- [Career Evolution: Navigating the Clinician to Academician Journey](#)
- [Simulating Success: Enhanced Simulation-Based Education Design and Operational Insights](#)

Register Today!

Book Hotel

CSM 2025 | Call for Volunteers



Volunteer in the Academy of Education Booth

We are seeking volunteers to work our booth at CSM! This is an easy way to volunteer with the Academy of Education and to get the word out to CSM attendees about our programs and events. If your schedule permits, we invite you to sign up for a time slot.

Sign-up

Volunteer as a Session Moderator

We are also seeking volunteers to assist as moderators for the Academy of Education sessions at CSM. The moderators' responsibilities include the following: introducing the speakers, assist with questions at the speakers' request, and ensuring the session ends on time.

Sign-up

Support Domestic Violence Awareness at CSM: Wear Purple on Thursday, February 13th

On February 13th at CSM, we invite you to wear purple in honor of Christa, a Houston resident and Academy of Education member, who tragically lost her life due to domestic violence. Christa was nine weeks pregnant and had two young children at home.

Show your support by wearing purple, purchasing purple ribbon pins, and helping raise awareness for domestic violence. All proceeds from the pins will go to the Houston Area Women's Center to support those affected by domestic violence. Together, we can make a difference.

[Learn More](#)

Clinical Education SIG Educational Initiatives



As part of the Academy of Education's Education Impact Initiative (EI2), the CE SIG is offering additional opportunities to sponsor CESIG members as follows:

- **Three attendance scholarships – up to \$1000 for ELC (applications will open in May of 2025)**
- **Three registrations for a CCIP course – up to \$500 (members can apply by clicking on the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/xV5cVfP2cz>)**
- **Three ELC pre-conference course registrations – up to \$500 (application will open in May of 2025)**
- **Three CSM pre-conference course registrations – up to \$500 (application opened at ELC '24 and the deadline was 11/8/24)**

The SIG also sought out nominations at ELC '24 for Outstanding SCCE/CI. Recipients of these awards will be recognized at CSM. These individuals will receive funding for registration to CSM/ELC up to \$750.

Education Research Consulting Session at CSM

The SOE SIG is hosting our second education research consulting session:

Date:

Friday, February 14th

Time:

1pm-3pm

Location:

Hilton Americas, Meeting Room 338
Houston, TX

Description:

This is a short term mentoring session. We will have consultants with experience in a variety of areas of educational research and you can use this time to meet with them and discuss your ideas, questions etc. The room will be set up in round tables and the consultants will have signs indicating areas of expertise.

| We are currently seeking both consultants and participants |

If you are interested in being a **consultant** please sign below.

*You do not have to be an "expert" in your field, you simply need to have SOME experience with conducting and presenting/publishing educational research.

If you are a **researcher** looking for guidance, advice, or short term mentoring, please sign up below.

Consultant Sign
Up

Researcher Sign
Up

If you have any questions about the event, reach out to:

SOE SIG chair Sarah Gilliland: chair-SOESIG@aptaeducation.org

PTAE SIG FHEL Scholarships



EDUCATION IMPACT
INITIATIVE

As part of the Education Impact Initiative Program, the Physical Therapist Assistant Educators SIG is delighted to announce that it will bestow two scholarships for tuition in the 2025 - 2026 Fellowship for Higher Education Leadership cohort.

Applicants must be members of the Academy of Education, a member of the PTAE SIG, and active in PTA education. To apply, submit an application for FHEL by February 1st. Applicants not chosen for the

scholarship may opt to continue with the application process at their own expense or withdraw their application.

Specific scoring criteria for the scholarship will be released at a later date.

For more information, please email PTAE SIG Chair, Jordan Tucker at Chair-PTAESIG@aptaeducation.org.

Apply Now

Call for Volunteers! APTA PTA Council Representative

The Academy of Education is seeking a PTA member to serve as its representative to the APTA PTA Council. The term is January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025.

Duties include:

- Engage members across the association, increasing member value.
- Collaborate with other council representatives to highlight best practices and empower success.
- Meet quarterly as a council.
- Select delegates to the House of Delegates.
- Select council steering group and chair through the annual elections process.

- Participate in council activities at the APTA Leadership Congress.
- Implement council initiatives at the component level.
- Seek opportunities for involvement within their component.
- Serve as ambassadors for their component and APTA.

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2025 Physical Therapy Faculty Development Workshops

The Academy is excited to offer two versions of the workshop this year: virtual in March and in-person in July.

 [REGISTER NOW](#)

Virtual

March 3 - 23 Zoom



In-person

July 24 - 26, Chicago, IL



Spots Are Filling Up Fast!

[Register for Virtual](#)

[Register for In-person](#)

Introducing The Simulation Networking Community



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Simulation
Networking
Community

At ELC, we announced the launch of the Simulation Networking Community, a group of physical therapy professionals dedicated to advancing the field of simulation-based learning in physical therapy education and practice. Our goal is to foster connections, share knowledge, and collaborate on innovative projects.

To help us build a vibrant community, we invite anyone interested in simulation to participate in a brief four-question survey. By sharing your contact information and interests, you'll be among the first to connect with like-minded individuals and stay informed about upcoming events and opportunities. Please feel free to forward this link to anyone who you think might be interested.

As the Simulation Networking Community starts to become more active, be sure to check out our [new webpage](#) on the AoE website!

You can also contact us at our brand new email: SIMnetwork@aptaeducation.org.

We hope you will join us in shaping the future of simulation in the APTA Academy of Education!

[Begin Survey](#)

SIG SPOTLIGHT



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Scholarship
of Education
Special Interest Group

The Scholarship of Education Special Interest Group of the APTA Academy of Education of the American Physical Therapy Association hereinafter referred to as the Scholarship of Education SIG (SoESIG).

Purpose: The Scholarship of Education Special Interest Group of the APTA Academy of Education provides a forum where both academic and clinical educators will promote and enhance the quality of educational scholarship in physical therapist education. The SIG seeks to foster the development of educational researchers and facilitate collaboration and translation of research to educational practice.

Scholarship of Education SIG Objectives:

- Promote educational scholarship in physical therapy.
- Provide role modeling, mentorship and support for researchers interested in educational research.
- Foster networking and collaboration among educational researchers.
- Assist in the exploration of best practices in physical therapy education and facilitate the translation of these findings into practice.

For more information on the SoE SIG, please get in touch with Chair: [Sarah Gilliland, PT, DPT, PhD](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Interprofessional Education Collaborative
Connecting health professions for better care

The **Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC)** will hold its next Institute, ***IPEC Competencies: Fostering Innovation Through Interprofessional Collaboration***, virtually on February 26th.

The IPEC Faculty Development Institute is a unique one-day, online interactive professional development experience that brings together leading healthcare speakers and experts. Participants will engage with national leaders in interprofessional education for collaborative practice (IPECP) and competency-based education (CBE). Faculty and leaders responsible for developing, implementing, and assessing campus-wide IPECP initiatives are encouraged to attend.

The **February 2025 IPEC Institute** will feature presentations on IPECP and CBE content, leading speakers from around the country, opportunities to discuss IPECP and CBE issues and possible solutions, and strategies for embedding IPECP and CBE at your institution.

[Learn More & Register](#)

QUICK CLICKS

2024 ELECTIONS
ELECTION RESULTS

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PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

AoE now offers a space to submit for research participants and participate in research

Participate in your Colleagues' Research

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2024 AWARD WINNERS

ALICIA FLACH Nurse Practitioner	EMERIE BRADY LYNN Nurse Practitioner	JENNIFER SHARP Nurse Practitioner	CAROL BECKEL Nurse Practitioner
JENNIFER JEWELL Nurse Practitioner	WILLIAM BEHRNS Nurse Practitioner	ERICA LYNCH Nurse Practitioner	ANNA KURASHINA Nurse Practitioner
LESLIE G. PORTNEY Nurse Practitioner	EMANUEL JOHN Nurse Practitioner	PEGGY GLEASON Nurse Practitioner	PAMELA LEVANGIE Nurse Practitioner

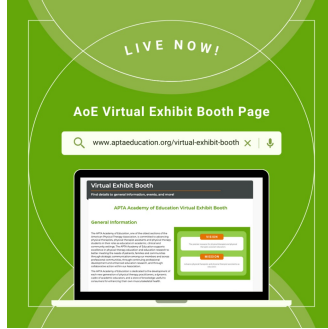
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