



# 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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Register and join one of our  
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## 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



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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](#)

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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 as a Session Moderator

We are also seeking volunteers to assist as moderators for the Academy of Education sessions at CSM. The

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.

moderators' responsibilities include the following: introducing the speakers, assist with questions at the speakers' request, and ensuring the session ends on time.

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## 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.



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## One More Week to Nominate an Outstanding SCCE!

Do you know a Site Coordinator for Clinical Education who demonstrates excellence in mentoring, teaching, communication, professional competence, modeling, and professionalism? Nominate that person for the Outstanding Site Coordinator for Clinical Education! Nominations are open through January 15th.

[NOMINATE A DESERVING SCCE](#)

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## NEW! FPTR Announces Grant Awardees



The Foundation for Physical Therapy Research is awarding \$780,000 to fund ten physical therapy research grants. One of the projects is supported through the APTA Academy of Education Endowment Fund.

“This year, we are awarding ten highly competitive research grants, each having undergone rigorous peer review by our Scientific Review Committee,” says Paul A. Rockar, Jr., PT, DPT, MS, FAPTA, President of the Foundation. “Thanks to the generosity of our donors, sponsors, and partners at APTA, we are funding research across a range of physical therapy areas. These studies represent an important step in expanding the evidence base for our profession, and we are proud to support the work of these investigators early in their careers.”

The project supported by the Academy of Education's endowment is led by Jamie Greco, PT, DPT, EdD, of Duke University School of Medicine, who was awarded \$40,000 to study "Outcomes of Faculty Residencies: A Multi-site Mixed-method Investigation of Key Interested Parties."

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## NEW! Peer Mentoring Group Sign-up



**APTA**  
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Academic Faculty  
Special Interest Group

The Academy of Education Academic Faculty SIG will sponsor a peer mentoring group focused on teaching and learning strategies. This group will meet once monthly, beginning in February or March 2025, to share ideas and support one another in our teaching.

If interested, please sign up using the QR code or link.

For additional questions, please contact Kirsten Potter, Member Engagement Coordinator for the Academic Faculty SIG, at [kirsten.potter@tufts.edu](mailto:kirsten.potter@tufts.edu).



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## NEW! Clinical Education SIG Educational Initiatives



**EDUCATION IMPACT  
INITIATIVE**

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.

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## **NEW!** PTAE SIG Spring 2025 Teaching & Networking Communities

Are you ready to make connections and build your network? Sign up for the PTA Educators SIG Spring 2025 Teaching & Networking Communities.

Registration is now OPEN! The networking sessions will begin the week of February 2nd.

Please click the link below to select a discussion group that meets your needs. Networking topics include Program Director, Clinical Education, and Teaching and Learning.

Sign-up ends on January 17th, so don't wait! Please note: registrants must be AoE AND PTAE SIG members and PTA educators (academic or clinical).

Spring 2025 AoE PTA Educators  
Teaching & Networking  
Communities Sign-up



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## **NEW!** 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.

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## 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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## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: CSM Co-Chair

The Academy of Education is seeking applicants interested in serving as Program Committee Co-Chair for the annual APTA Combined Sections Meeting (CSM). The CSM Co-Chair is appointed for a three-year term to work with Academy staff. The current full position description can be found in the [Academy of Education's Policies and Procedures \(page 161\)](#).

Upon appointment, the new co-chair will begin to train with the current co-chair team on planning for CSM '26 in March 2025.

Candidates must submit a statement of interest for this position with a current CV via the Academy's Volunteer Portal by **Wednesday, January 15th**.

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## INTRODUCING The 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](mailto: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

The PTA Educators SIG serves as the advocate and expert resource for the education and role of the PTA. Members provide leadership, mentorship and expertise in teaching and learning to support all persons concerned with education that ensures PTAs are prepared for contemporary practice.

### **PTAE SIG Objectives:**

- Provide means to increase and improve communication among physical therapist assistant educators.
- Facilitate and increase opportunities for PTA faculty development and mentoring.
- Facilitate and improve mentoring opportunities for all persons involved in the education of physical therapist assistants.
- Advocate for the role of the PTA as the extender of care for the physical therapist within the profession of physical therapy.
- Promote existing and create additional opportunities for PTA Educator representation in leadership roles at the national level.
- Communicate and collaborate with physical therapist program educators.

- Create and promote ways for the PTAE SIG to impact the APTA Academy of Education's participation and responses to issues related (but not limited) to the education, scope of work, supervision and direction of the PTA at the national level.
- Serve as a resource body with any/all inquiries related to the education and/or utilization of the physical therapist assistant.

For more information on the PTAE SIG, please get in touch with [Chair Jordan Tucker, PT, DPT, EdD](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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.

**Register before January 17th to save on registration!**

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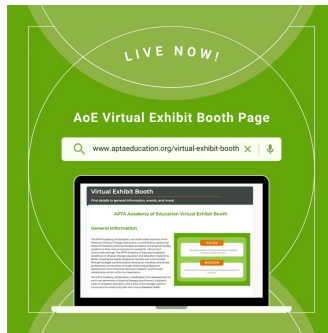
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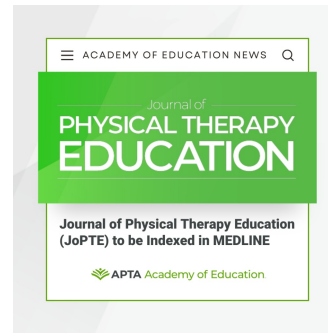
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