



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

NEW Member Benefit - Online Community

The Academy of Education is excited to announce it has launched an online community to help our members better connect with each other. All members have already been added to the general member community, and those who are members of SIGs have been added to the SIG communities.

Access the
Community

Your login will be the same as your login for the Academy of Education website. Here are a few simple steps to get acquainted with the new platform:



1. **Start a discussion or respond to someone else.** If you have questions you'd like to ask your peers, [click here](#) and watch the responses come in! You can also use the "post message" link in the discussion emails you'll receive. Share your expertise and connect with peers by responding to other people's posts.
2. **Set your messaging, email, and privacy preferences.** If at any time you'd like to change your preferences, go to your profile -> Update Your Profile -> My Account.
3. **Update your profile.** Your profile is already loaded, but feel free to update as you see fit on the profile page.

We hope you enjoy this new tool to help you connect with your peers!

Mark Your Calendars for our Annual GAMER Workshop:

GAMER

Grantwriting and Mentorship in Education Research

January 22-24, 2026

(Travel days are January 21 and 25, 2026)

Charleston, South Carolina

We bring together a nationally recognized multidisciplinary group of mentors and consultants as faculty, including representatives from potential funding sources to support participants work. The workshop provides guidance in developing robust, clear and theoretically grounded research questions, grant proposals and career research agendas. The workshop will also facilitate inter-professional, and intra- and inter-institutional collaborative research networks and projects for education researchers in *Audiology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology.*

Our wonderful sponsors!



Please contact [Rick Segal](#) if you have any questions.
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Academy Merch Store Open Limited Time Only!



Show your Academy of Education spirit! The Academy store is open now through February 24. Shop for short and long-sleeved tees, polos, pull overs, backpacks and more.

[Start Shopping](#)

Excellence in Education Certificate Program



To support those entering or considering entering academia, the Academy of Education is developing a certificate program to ensure their success.

The Excellence in Education Certificate program will prepare physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to transition to academia via in-depth online modules.

The Academy is looking for people who are interested in creating content for the program as well as those who are interested in attending it once it launches, likely in the third quarter of 2025.

[Join the Initiative](#)

Everyone who fills out this form will be entered to win a free registration to ELC 2025 October 17-19 in Kansas City, MO.



Registration Now Open!

Integrating Evidence into the Development of Clinical Reasoning for Physical Therapy Learners: Systematic Review Results



Thursday | March 6 | 7-8PM

[Register](#)

Learning Objectives

1. Discuss the quantitative and qualitative results from the systematic review that investigated the effects of educational interventions designed to develop physical therapist learners' clinical reasoning across the full continuum of professional development.
2. Identify valid and reliable outcome measures to evaluate changes in clinical reasoning among physical therapist learners.
3. Describe elements of rigor needed for high-quality research projects focused on educational interventions for clinical reasoning.

Speakers:

Tobi Baldwin, PT, DPT, EdD;

Vicki LaFay, PT, DPT, PhD;

Mark Erickson, PT, MA, DScPT, OCS, CFP, CSCS;

Kara Kobal, PT, DPT, DHSc, PCS; Jacklyn Brechter, PT, DPT, PhD

EMPOWER: The Impact of Mentorship on a Student's Professional Journey



Thursday | April 3 | 7-8PM

[Register](#)

Learning Objectives

1. Describe common challenges of DPT and PTA students who are from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds or are considered academically “at-risk” upon admission to the program.
2. Summarize the structure of one paid mentorship model aimed to support DPT and PTA students from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds.
3. Explore if this Program, or a similar Program, can be implemented on your own campus.

Speakers:

Angela Spontelli Gisselman PT, PhD, DPT ;

Melissa Burgemeister, PT, DPT, ATC

Congratulations to our 2024 Foundation Research Grant Recipient!



We are proud to support Jamie Greco, PT, DPT, EdD, who received the 2024 Physical Therapy Education Research Grant for the proposed study, *Outcomes of Faculty Residencies: A Multi-site Mixed-method Investigation of Key Interested Parties*.

Congratulations Jamie!

We look forward to supporting the continued growth of a cadre of highly qualified education physical therapy researchers.

You can help our academy fund the production of more needed evidence by contributing to our APTA Academy of Education Endowment, [click here](#).

REGISTER NOW,
ONLY **THREE** MORE SPOTS AVAILABLE!

2025 Physical Therapy Faculty Development Workshop



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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

FHEL Applications Due | March 1st

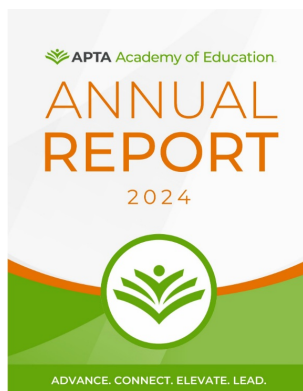
The Academy of Education's Fellowship in Higher Education Leadership provides current and aspiring leaders in physical therapy education programs with the skills and resources they need to be innovative, influential, and visionary leaders who can function within a rapidly evolving, politico-sociocultural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

2024 Annual Report Now Available



Discover what the APTA Academy of Education has been doing on your behalf in 2024!

[Download Annual Report](#)

**PTA Honor Society Nominations are Now Open:
Submit by March 1st**

The Phi Tau Alpha Honor Society recognizes physical therapist assistant students who have not only demonstrated high academic standards, but have embodied the core values of the physical therapy profession. Students meeting the requirements outlined below should contact their program faculty to determine the next steps for applying for possible induction into the honor society.



[View Requirements & Submit Nominations](#)

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.

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.

Apply Now!

SIG SPOTLIGHT



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Residency/Fellowship
Education
Special Interest Group

The Residency/Fellowship Education Special Interest Group of the APTA Academy of Education, APTA provides a forum where residency/fellowship faculty including program directors, coordinators and mentors promote excellence in residency education by providing collaborative opportunities for educational research, exploring opportunities for curricular development, enhancing resident clinical reasoning skills and discussing resources available for assessment in residency education.

RFE SIG Objectives:

- To provide a vehicle for enhancing communication among those invested in residency/fellowship education.
- To promote cooperative efforts among residency/fellowship programs in advancing and improving curriculum.
- To serve as a resource for collaboration in research for the advancement of resident/fellowship education.
- To assist in the advancement of skilled clinical mentorship for all resident/fellowship faculty.

For more information on the RFE SIG, please get in touch with the Chair: **Darren Calley, PT, DSc, OCS**

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.

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