

Happy New Year from the Clinical Education Special Interest Group - CESIG

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Greetings from the Co-Chairs of the Clinical Education Special Interest Group

The Clinical Education SIG has had an exciting and busy year. Our growth in members has increased to over 700 members, as of October, at ELC. The CE SIG has been active in a number of ways. Under the coordination of Cindy Flom-Meland, a task force of volunteers assisted in making a survey to educators on the March 1st Voluntary student placement requests. From the results of the survey, a standardized form is being created to assist with a more consistent process with student placement requests. Currently, there is work underway to review and update the Clinical Educators manual.

The CE SIG is also working with the National Consortium of Clinical Educators to define the role of each to make a more broad scope of facilitating best practice physical therapy clinical education.

Our communication has been more efficient for members with the use of the APTA Communities page. To gain access to the clinical education community's page, please contact us at either euypes@ccf.org, or cindy.flom.meland@med.und.edu.

We are looking forward to an even more exciting year in 2016.

Cindy Flom-Meland Academic Co-Chair
Scott Euype Clinical Co-Chair

Call for Nominations

The Nominating Committee of the Clinical Education SIG is seeking individuals to fulfill the roles of Academic Co-Chair, Membership Secretary and (one) Nominating committee member. For more information on these positions, please contact Andi Page at the Section office (andreapage@apta.org or (703) 706-3235.

To be considered for the slate, please complete the below forms and fax them to (703) 706-8575 or email them to andreapage@apta.org.

[DOWNLOAD A NOMINATION/CANDIDATE BIO FORM HERE](#)

March 1st Mailing Survey Results

Task force was developed following CSM 2015 – members include:

Carol Beckel – DCE, St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO
Kathy Buccieri – CCCE, Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters, Norfolk, VA
Maria Cusson – DCE, Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT
Jamie Dyson – CCCE, Orlando Regional Medical Center, Orlando, FL
Cindy Flom-Meland – DCE, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
Kathleen Fortier – CCCE, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, Allentown, PA
Cosette Hardwick – DCE, MO
Kelly Prescher – DCE, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA
Brianna Rice – CCCE, Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Grove City, OH
Krissy Stein – CCCE, MI
Lydia Thurston – DCE, Samford University, Birmingham, AL

Two surveys were developed, one for CCCEs and one for DCEs/ACCes, and sent to all accredited PT and PTA programs listed on the CAPTE web site. A total of 534 survey links were sent for DCEs to complete. The DCEs were asked to forward the CCCE survey to the sites utilized in their state for clinical education. The return rates were as follows: DCE surveys returned = 296 (return rate of 55.4%) and CCCE surveys returned = 504 (unknown return rate).

Additional findings of the survey include:

- Clinical Education Request Form (CERF)
 - 89.6% of DCEs send out via email
 - 57.6% of DCEs send out via mail
 - 24.3% of DCEs send out via on-line survey
 - 21.6% of DCEs send out via fax
- Returned – (anyway we receive them) – majority returned by email (84.5%), followed by fax (55.0%) and mail (53.7%)
- CCCEs
 - Prefer to receive the CERF via email (86.7%), followed by mail 41.7% and on-line survey (40.7%); do NOT want to receive via fax (63.2%)
 - Prefer to return the CERF via email (81.1%), on-line survey (48.4%), fax (36.9%), mail (26.0%)
- How many CERFs are returned to DCEs?
 - <30% reported by 23.4% of DCEs
 - 30-50% reported by 23.6 % of DCEs
 - 51-75% reported by 27% of DCEs
 - >75% reported by 8.7% of DCEs
- CCCEs want to be notified 2-3 months prior to a start date IF the spot will not be used
- DCEs and CCCEs agree the CERFs should be mailed at the same time (85% and 84.5%)
- Same due date is desired by all (DCEs – 78.9%; CCCEs – 79.9%)
- Consistent format is desired by both DCEs (77%) and CCCEs (88.3%)
- 82.5% (n=416) of CCCEs feel the March 1st date works
- 60.8% (n=180) of DCEs feel the March 1st date works

There was support for looking at a uniform CERF for programs to utilize. The task force will proceed with this with a plan to have a form to share at CSM.

Membership update

Thanks to all who took the membership survey either during or right after the meeting at the Educational Leadership Conference (ELC). Here are the results of that survey and a snapshot of our membership.

- We had 101 respondents
- They represented 92 different facilities or academic programs
- We had members from 24 different regional consortia
- Of our respondents, the vast majority were DCE/ACCE or assistant DCE/ACCE (88)
- We had 6 CIs, 4 CCCEs, 6 CI/CCCEs, 2 program directors, 2 faculty members, and 3 administrators identified on the survey
- All respondents identified themselves as PT educators with 2 identifying as both PT and PTA educators

We certainly appreciate your time to respond and would like to offer you the opportunity to respond if you didn't get a chance to at ELC or if you didn't attend ELC but are a member of the CE SIG. Please follow this link. The survey takes less than 5 minutes!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7YY2HPW>

We look forward to seeing many of you at CSM in Anaheim!