



ACADEMY ROUNDUP

The Official Newsletter for the APTA Academy of Education

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

Newsletter Highlights

Announcements:

- Update on the Final Rule from the Department of Education!
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - ELC 2026
 - ELC PTA Educators SIG Scholarships, deadline June 30
 - Physical Therapy Faculty Development Workshop (PTFDW)
 - 1/2 Day DCE/ACCE Workshop Spots Available
 - CSM 2027
 - **Call for Abstract Reviewers deadline to volunteer by June 19**
 - Call for Abstracts deadline July 15
 - GAMER 2027 | Save the Date
- Foundation for PT Research Education Grant Applications Open
- NEW! Foundations of Simulation Series
- Simulation Networking Community Monthly Chats | 12PM EDT
 - ***This Thursday, June 4***
 - July 9
 - August 6
- Webinar
 - RFESIG Journal Club | Sept 8 | 8PM
- Special Interest Group (SIG) Spotlight
 - Academic Faculty (AFSIG)
- View Our Member Benefits

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update on the Department of Education's New Mandate on Graduate Student Loan Limits and Degree Classifications: *How APTA Academy of Education Members Can Engage*



Recent federal student loan changes could significantly impact future Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) students. Under new Department of Education borrowing limits taking effect July 1, 2026, DPT students will face reduced federal loan eligibility despite the profession's high educational costs. Several bipartisan bills have been introduced in Congress to address these concerns and preserve access to physical therapy education. Faculty, clinicians, students, and supporters are encouraged to stay informed and consider advocating for legislative solutions that protect the future PT workforce.

[Learn More and Take Action](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Physical Therapy Faculty Development Workshop 1/2 Day DCE/ACCE Workshop Spots Available!

**In-person | Chicago, IL | August 1
12:30pm - 5:00pm**

2026		JULY / AUGUST					
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
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30	31						

Whether you're an experienced DCE seeking to refine your approach or new to the position and eager to learn, the DCE/ACCE workshop offers valuable guidance and resources to support your journey. We'll delve into the unique responsibilities and challenges faced by DCEs, providing insights and strategies to enhance effectiveness in this vital role. *Elevate* your impact, *empower* your students, and *unlock* the full potential of your role as a Director of Clinical Education.

Register Today!

In-person

July 30 - August 1 | Chicago, IL



Faculty Facilitators and Invited Speakers:

- Dawn S. Brown, PT, DPT, EdD, OCS, Northwestern University
- Christie Cohoon, PT, DPT, OCS, St. Louis Community College – Forest Park
- Myles Quiben, PT, DPT, PhD, MS, University of North Texas Health Science Center
- Kirsten Potter, PT, DPT, Tufts University
- Tricia Prokop, PT, EdD, CSCS, Bowling Green State University
- Nikki Sleddens, PT, ABD, CEEAA, University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Angela Wallace, PTA, McHenry County College

SOLD OUT



Join the waitlist!

Waiting List Sign Up

ELC 2026

October 16-18 | Marriott Marquis | Washington, D.C.

Visit ELC Website

PTA Educators SIG ELC Scholarships



The Academy of Education PTA Educators SIG is offering a limited number of scholarships to support attendance at the Education Leadership Conference (ELC) on October 16-18, 2026, in Washington, DC.

Scholarships of \$500 or more are available for PTA educators and clinical instructors who are actively involved in PTA education and committed to leadership and professional growth. First-time attendees are strongly encouraged to apply (previous attendees will also be considered).

Application deadline: June 30, 2026

Notifications sent by: August 1, 2026

[Learn More and Apply](#)

CSM 2027



Showcase your expertise at APTA CSM, the leading conference in physical therapy, held **February 4-6, 2027, in Philadelphia, PA.**



Call for Abstract Reviewers!



We invite you to participate in the CSM 2027 Abstract Review Process for the Combined Sections Meeting (CSM), taking place February 4–6, 2027, in Philadelphia, PA.

Your time and expertise play an important role in ensuring the quality and success of the conference program.

Reviews will occur online. Each reviewer will have approximately 10-20 abstracts to review in July and August of 2026.

- Please complete the form by Friday, June 19, 2026.
- Please note: volunteering now will automatically include you for the next two years in the recruitment process.

On behalf of Fran Kistner, Michael Furtado, and Jaime Bayzick, CSM Co-chairs, thank you for your assistance.

[Volunteer to Review](#)

CSM Platform and Poster Abstracts Submission Portal Closes July 15

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[Submit An Abstract](#)

GAMER 2027 | Save The Date!

GAMER 2027

Grantwriting and Mentorship in Education Research

January 21-23, 2027

(Travel days are January 20 and 24, 2027)

Charleston, South Carolina

Applications open July 1, 2026, and close August 15, 2026

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 at segal@musc.edu if you have any questions

www.gamereducationresearch.com

Thanks for your great support of GAMER 2026 from the mentees and mentors!



PT Education Grant Applications Now Open



Attention education researchers! Applications are now open for the PT Education Research Grant from the Foundation for Physical Therapy Research. We are sponsoring this funding

mechanism to support education research related to methods for promoting the uptake of research findings into practice by designing educational interventions to address gaps between physical therapy research evidence and physical therapy and physical therapist assistant practices. Areas of study must align with at least one priority area of the [APTA 2023 Research Agenda](#) and applicants must be licensed PTs or PTAs and members of the APTA Academy of Education.

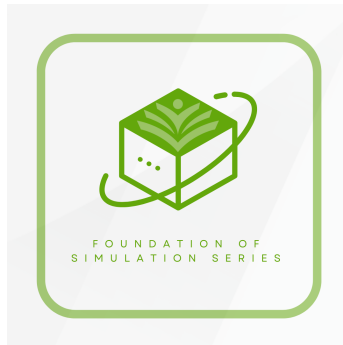
Guidelines and application instructions for this grant can be found on the [Foundation's website](#). Please read the guidelines carefully for complete information on the research area and eligibility requirements for this grant. Applications can be found on ProposalCentral.

If you are interested in applying for this grant, or any of the available 11, \$40,000 research grants, please [subscribe](#) to the Foundation's research grant mailing list to receive updates, FAQs, and timely reminders.

The deadline submission for all research grant applications is July 31 at 4:59pm EDT.

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Foundations of Simulation Series



Interested in Adding Simulation to Your Curriculum?

The Simulation Networking Community has developed the Foundations of Simulation Series of brief, free presentations designed to introduce physical therapy educators and clinicians to core concepts in simulation-based learning. This series provides an overview of essential terminology, simulation modalities, delivery methods, prebriefing and debriefing practices, and the Healthcare Simulation Standards of Best Practice. Participants will gain foundational knowledge and practical resources to support the design,

implementation, and facilitation of simulation experiences across a variety of educational settings.

You can view the series through the Learning Center, access using the button below.

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[Visit the SIMChat Homepage](#)

Simulation Networking Community Monthly Chats



Join us for SIMChats! This monthly meeting is a dedicated space for AoE members with interest in simulation to connect, exchange ideas, and collaborate on best practices. Each session highlights current topics in simulation-based education, offers opportunities for members to share experiences or challenges, and fosters meaningful discussion across diverse roles and settings. Whether you are new to simulation or a seasoned expert, this gathering provides a supportive environment to learn, network, and strengthen our collective impact on healthcare

education and patient outcomes.

We will discuss tools for building simulation scenarios and share a new scenario builder that the Simulation Networking Community has been working on.

We will also have an open forum to discuss your questions and ideas related to simulation-based learning.

Please join SIMChats

Meeting ID: 947 3412 5901

Passcode: 751877

SIMChats Zoom

Upcoming Meeting:

- **Thursday, June 4**
- Thursday, July 9
- August 6



Save The Date

Sep 8 | [RFE SIG Journal Club](#)

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM EDT

SIG SPOTLIGHT



The Academic Faculty SIG shall serve as a resource and forum for individuals who are or have an interest in academic faculty. The Academic Faculty SIG will facilitate networking, mentoring, and sharing of resources for all individuals interested in the roles, responsibilities, teaching, scholarship and service of academic faculty.

Objectives:

- Provide a mechanism for encouraging and enhancing communication among academic faculty and those interested in academic faculty.
- Facilitate and increase opportunities for academic faculty development and mentoring.
- Create and promote mechanisms for academic faculty to participate in the APTA Academy of Education.
- Serve as a resource body on issues related to academic faculty.
- Promote cooperative efforts among academic faculty

Leadership:

Chair: [Derek Liuzzo PT, DPT, PhD](#)

Vice Chair: [Jamie Dehan PT, PhD, DPT, MS](#)

Secretary: [Heather Green, PT, DPT](#)

Nominating Committee Chair: [Stephanie Eton PT, DPT, GCS](#)

Member Engagement Coordinator: [Kirsten Potter, PT, DPT, MS](#)



Academic Faculty
Special Interest Group



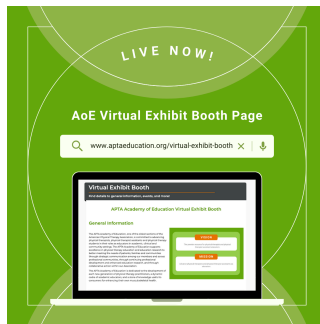
Welcome to APTA Academy of Education! We hope that through your membership, you'll find your place in a community of life-long learners dedicated to the education of patients, students, colleagues, and communities.

Top benefits of Membership in the Academy:

1. Discounts on section conferences like:
 - [Combined Sections Meeting](#)
 - [Education Leadership Conference](#)
 - [Physical Therapy Faculty Development Workshop](#)
 - [Academy Webinars](#)
2. Well established [Special Interest Groups](#) to meet member needs.
3. Networking and opportunity for Academy [funding and awards](#).

Please know that we are here to serve you and are happy to assist you in any way possible. Education is the future of our profession and here in the APTA Academy of Education, "Every PT and PTA is an Educator."

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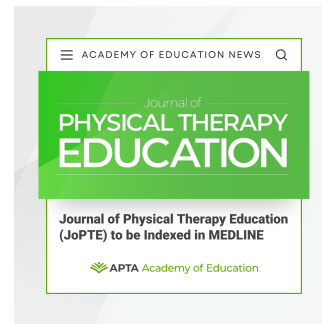
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