



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:**
 - Student Loan Update
 - Call for Membership & Engagement Committee Chair | Apply by August 15!
 - Check Out Our New EduPulse Page!
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - ELC 2026
 - **Registration is open!** Sign Up for One of Our Pre-Conference Workshops
 - Physical Therapy Faculty Development Workshop (PTFDW)
 - **Thank you to Our Sponsor(s)**
 - CSM 2027
 - **Call for Abstracts deadline is Today!**
 - GAMER 2027 | Apply by August 15th!
 - Foundation for PT Research Education Grant Applications Due July 31
 - Foundations of Simulation Series
 - Simulation Networking Community Monthly Chats | 12PM EDT
 - August 6
- **Upcoming Webinar(s):**
 - RFESIG Journal Club | Sept 8 | 8PM
- **Welcome New Members!**
 - View Our Member Benefits

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What Happens Now to Student Loans? [FAQ]



[Read the Latest Update](#)

Call for Membership & Engagement Committee Chair



The Academy of Education is seeking a volunteer to serve as Chair of the Membership & Engagement Committee. The committee's goals are to support Academy members in developing inclusive communities aimed at developing a diverse profession committed to improving the health of individuals, communities, and society.

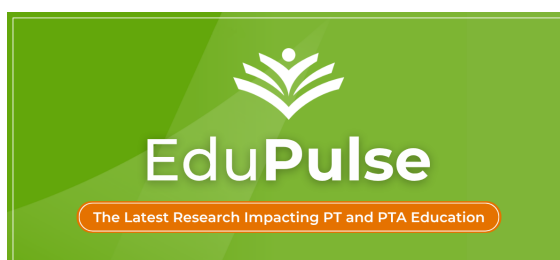
The term is three years.

The committee is currently working on an eight-part training series focused on social determinants of health, student success, and other related topics.

The deadline to apply is August 15!

[Apply Now!](#)

Check Out Our New EduPulse Page!



The Research Committee is pleased to announce the pilot of a new feature: the EduPulse newsletter and webpage. Each quarter the committee will highlight high-quality, impactful research from the health professions education literature that is relevant to physical therapy education.

The purpose of this curated list of articles is to help physical therapy educators and education researchers stay up to date. The articles are selected from the January – March 2026 issues of the Journal of Physical Therapy Education, Physical Therapy

& Rehabilitation Journal, and the following top health professions education journals:

- Academic Medicine
- Medical Education
- Medical Teacher
- Perspectives on Medical Education
- Advances in Health Sciences Education
- BMC Medical Education
- Teaching and Learning in Medicine
- Medical Education Online

[Read Articles](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Physical Therapy Faculty Development Workshop Is Happening Soon!



Join Industry Leaders and Expert Speakers, including:

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

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



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View Our Pre-Conference Workshops

How Did That Go? Mastering the Art of Challenging Debriefings

This pre-conference workshop equips physical therapy educators with advanced debriefing strategies to enhance clinical reasoning, reflection, and practice change across learning environments. Participants will develop skills to effectively facilitate emotionally complex and high-stakes debriefing conversations while maintaining psychological safety and learner engagement. Through interactive learning, attendees will gain tools to confidently navigate challenging moments and elevate the impact of debriefing applicable to simulation, classroom, and clinical learning environments.

Thursday, October 15 | 8 AM - 5 PM

Authors:

Samantha Brown, PT, DPT, Board-certified Geriatric Clinical Specialist

*Sharon Gorman, PT, DPSc, Board-certified Geriatric Clinical Specialist, Fellow
National Academies of Practice*

Kelly Macauley, PT, DPT, EdD, Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator

Academic Leadership in Higher Education

This ½ day interactive workshop is designed to support academic leaders in Physical Therapy programs at all stages of their leadership journey. The purpose of the workshop is to provide a structured, supportive environment where participants can examine their leadership identity, learn from colleagues' experiences, and develop practical strategies to strengthen team engagement and growth. Through guided reflection, self-assessment activities, peer coaching, case discussions, and panel dialogue, participants will explore how personal leadership behaviors influence faculty dynamics, program culture, and educational outcomes.

Thursday, October 15 | 8 AM - 12 PM

Authors:

Dawn James, PT, DPT, DSc
Megan Donaldson, PT, PhDFAAOMPT
Brian Young, PT, DSc
John Heick, PT, DPT, PhD

Moving from Concept to Creation in Learning by Concordance (LbC)

Learning by Concordance (LbC) is an instructional strategy designed to develop clinical reasoning in uncertain situations where there is more than one reasonable course of action¹⁻². In LbC, learners and an expert panel work through an ambiguous case scenario with follow-up questions, and judge how new information influences a proposed hypothesis, decision, or action². This half-day pre-conference workshop is designed for educators who want to create and refine LbC activities for use in their own courses and programs. The workshop uses brief direct instruction, guided practice, peer review, and feedback-based revision to support LbC development. Participants will leave with drafted LbC activities aligned with their own teaching contexts. The workshop will also include structured exploration of how artificial intelligence can support LbC development through ideation, question refinement, and feedback. Participants will leave with practical resources, greater confidence in designing LbC activities, and drafted materials to implement in their courses.

Thursday, October 15 | 1 PM - 5 PM

Authors:

Lindsey Kojich, PT, DPT, PhD
Rebecca Johnson, PT, DPT, PhD
Stephanie A. Miller, PT, PhD

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**APTA Combined
Sections Meeting**



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



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Call For Proposals



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CSM 2027

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Apply by August 15th!



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

Register Now!

PT Education Grant Applications



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.

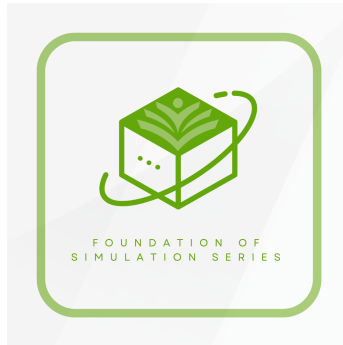
If you are interested in applying for this grant, or any of the available 11, \$40,000 research grants, please [subscribe](#) to the Foundation's research grant mailing list to

receive updates, FAQs, and timely reminders.

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

[Learn More & Apply](#)

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, pre-briefing 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.

[View Series](#)

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

Upcoming Meeting:

- August 6

SIMChats Zoom



Save The Date

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

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM EDT

Welcome New Members!



Nadia Abdellatif, DPT
Chelsey P Abel, SPT
Mason Adamek, SPT
Danielle E Adams, DPT
Levi Adams, SPT
Lydia Akers, PT
Kayla Allen, SPT
Zahra Ashby, SPT
Hannah K Barrelle, SPT
Turner O Black, DPT
Mary Kate Bonanni, SPT
Tristan Patrick Burns, SPT
Katherine Louise Christensen, SPTA
Faith Coates, SPT
Ruby Deleon, SPTA
Ashley Eileen Dreyfuss, PT, DPT
Hajar Ebid, SPT
Glory Enemchukwu, DPT
Cyrus Ferguson, SPT
Daizsha R Hackney, SPT
Ruby Elizabeth Hansen, SPT
Lauren Hensley, PTA
Coleman Hines, SPTA
Brooke Kay Hollan, SPT
Ashlyn C Hoover, SPT
Sebastian Hurtado Gonzalez, DPT
Taylor Jackson, SPT
Cody Lee Johnson, SPT
Emme G Johnson, DPT
Meghan Jones, DPT
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Jennifer C. Parker, PT
Fatima Perez-Hickman, PT
Megan E Retherford, SPT
Michael L Rizzardi, SPT
Anthony D. Salinas, SPT
Kilee Sauer, SPT
Rebecca C Sharp, SPT
Shushanna Stepanyan, SPT
Greta Sutton Sutton, DPT
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Zayden Taylor, SPT
Keely Thompson, SPT
Abid M Uddin, DPT
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Grace Vanetti, SPT
Cory VanHee, SPT
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Narmeen Vegdani, SPT
Alana R Veiga, PT
Kalea M Velasco-Cosare, SPT
Gabriel G Vennard, DPT
Connor Jeffrey Vice, PT, DPT

Blake Hunter Lewis, SPT
Deanna Lynne Lewis, PT, DPT, MA
Ali Loboizzo, SPT
Fidel Loverton, SPT
Kaley Malden, SPT
Jazmin Mateo, SPT
Victor Maxwell McClure, SPTA
Kayden McDaniel, SPT

Nyae' B Villalta, DPT
Morgan Wallace, PT
Connor Webster, SPT
Iris B Weckenbrock, PTA
Maddie Whitfill, SPT
Brenden Willis, PT
Natalia Zborovsky, PT
Elizabeth Ziegler, PT



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.

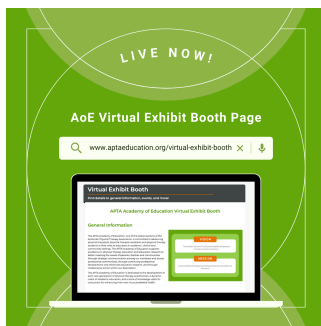
Top benefits of Membership in the Academy:

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."

Visit us at <http://www.aptaeducation.org>.

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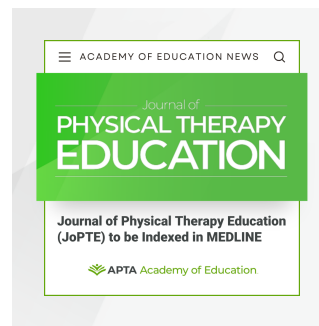
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