



# 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:

- Call for Research Grant Proposals and Award Nominations Now Open!
- ELC 2025
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  - *Volunteers Needed!*
- GAMER Deadline Extended
- New! CE SIG Short Survey | We Want to Hear From You
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  - PTAE SIG Virtual Book Club | Wednesday, October 8
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Call for Research Grant Proposals Deadline: October 21

Research grants are available to assist APTA Academy of Education members in conducting research that investigates a question of importance to the advancement of education in physical therapy. In addition to research related to physical therapy

education (DPT, PTA), questions related to the education of patients/clients, licensed PTs/PTAs or PT/PTA students will also be considered.

### Research Grant

These grants continue to provide proposers potential financial resources of up to \$25,000 for larger projects with a with an experienced research team. Proposals for the larger grants continue to require that the proposal demonstrate that the project can be completed within one year and that the research team has the requisite experience and expertise to achieve success.

### Small Seed Grant

These small grants are intended to support the work of new and aspiring scholars pursuing financial resources of up to \$10,000 to support smaller or pilot projects. These small grants can also be used to provide financial resources for planned larger projects that need to gather pilot data. In either case, grant applicants need to demonstrate how the project is investigating a question of importance to the advancement of education in physical therapy and situate the proposal within a larger research objective.

[Learn More and Apply](#)



## Call for Award Nominations Deadline: October 15

The Awards Committee is pleased to announce the call for nominations for APTA Academy of Education Awards. Members are urged to consider these opportunities for themselves and for their colleagues.

### Adopt-A-Doc Scholarship Award

Reflects the Academy's commitment to increase the number of doctoral prepared faculty teaching in PT and PTA education programs.

### Award for Leadership in Education

Is the highest honor given by the Academy and recognizes an individual who is widely recognized as a leader in physical therapy education.

### Polly Cerasoli Lectureship Award

Acknowledges an individual who exemplifies the passion and commitment to the advancement of physical therapy education modeled by Dr. Polly Cerasoli.

### Distinguished Educator in Physical Therapist Education Award

Honors an individual who exemplifies excellence in academic or clinical teaching.

### **Distinguished Educator in Physical Therapist Assistant Education Award**

Honors an individual who exemplifies excellence in academic or clinical teaching.

### **Distinguished Mentor in Residency/Fellowship Education Award**

Recognizes excellence in Residency/Fellowship mentoring.

### **Education Professional Service Award**

Recognizes significant service to the APTA Academy of Education.

### **Outstanding Clinical Instructor Award**

Recognizes an outstanding clinical instructor who demonstrates exceptional skills in teaching, communication, interpersonal relationships, professional competence, mentoring, modeling, and professionalism.

### **Outstanding Site Coordinator for Clinical Education Award**

Recognizes an outstanding Site Coordinator for Clinical Education (SCCE) who consistently demonstrate exceptional skills in the supervision and education of Clinical Instructors through mentoring as well as serving as a role model for Clinical Education.

### **President's Award**

Honors an individual who has provided exemplary service or noteworthy contributions in advancing the vision, mission or goals of the APTA Academy of Education.

*Individuals who are current members of the Academy of Physical Therapy Education Board of Directors, the APTA Board of Directors, or APTA Staff are not eligible for these awards and may not participate in the nomination process.*

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Are you planning to join us for ELC this year? We're so excited to welcome you to one of the most anticipated gatherings in education leadership. Whether this will be your very first **ELC** or you've joined us many times before, we know there's always a mix of excitement and questions as the conference draws near.

Please enjoy this short welcome video from Academy of Education *President Vicki LaFay* and ACAPT President *Kimberly Varnado*, and look for more videos as ELC approaches to help maximize your ELC experience!



[Register](#)

## Call For Volunteers for ELC!



As we prepare for the upcoming ELC 2025, we are reaching out to our community for volunteers to assist throughout the conference. Your support is crucial in ensuring a smooth and successful event.

We are seeking volunteers to help with various tasks, including registration and moderating Platform and MicroLearn sessions. If you are interested and available to contribute, please sign up using this Google Sheet: [ELC VOLUNTEER SIGN UP](#). Your participation as a volunteer is greatly appreciated. Closer to the conference



dates, we will reach out to confirm your availability and provide further details regarding your volunteer assignment.

Thank you in advance for supporting ELC 2025. Should you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact Mary Beth Holmes [mbholmes@bu.edu](mailto:mbholmes@bu.edu)

**Volunteer!**

Don't miss your chance to save! The **early bird deadline** for the 2025 Physical Therapy Education Leadership Conference (ELC) is fast approaching.

**Register**

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## GAMER Deadline Extended to September 8

### GAMER

Grantwriting and Mentorship in Education Research

**January 22-24, 2026**

(Travel days are January 21 and 25, 2026)

**Charleston, South Carolina**

*Applications open July 1, 2025 and close August 15, 2025*

***Application Deadline extended until September 8, 2025***

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*.

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Please contact Rick Segal at [segal@muscul.edu](mailto:segal@muscul.edu) if you have any questions

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## Clinical Education SIG Survey

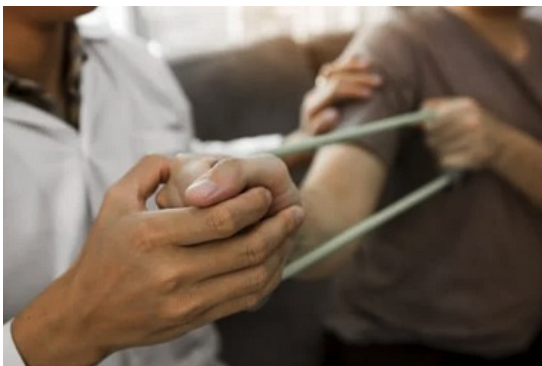
The Academy of Education Clinical Education Special Interest Group (SIG) is currently conducting a needs assessment to better understand the professional development opportunities and recognition needs of clinical faculty serving as Clinical Instructors for Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) students. Please take a moment to fill out the survey.

**Take the  
Survey**

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## National Study Examining Excellence and Value in Physical Therapist Residency Education (PT-REV Study)



**Thursday | September 11 | 8pm-9pm ET**

Discussion led by:

*Dr. Matthew Briggs, PT, DPT, PhD, AT*

*Dr. Raine Osborne, PT, DPT, EdD*

.1 CEUs

Free for Academy of Education members  
\$25 for non-members

This RFESIG Academy of Education Journal Club is a live, interactive session that explores the national PT-REV study on excellence and value in residency education. Dr. Matthew Briggs and Dr. Raine Osborne, co-lead authors of the study, will present key findings and facilitate dialogue on actionable strategies for enhancing post-professional education. Open to RFESIG members and the broader community, this session offers opportunities for knowledge sharing, professional development, and reflection on residency best practices. CEUs available upon completion of assessment.

[Register](#)

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## Physical Therapist Assistant Educators SIG (PTAESIG) Virtual Book Club

Engage with peers, deepen your understanding of teaching approaches, and enhance your learning strategies!



**Book: Learning That Lasts: A Guide for Health Professions Students Who Want to Maximize Their Learning**

- Book will be provided FREE to the first **100** members
- Register by Sept 10

**Kick-off** (choose one)

- Wednesday, October 8, 1:00 ET and 8:00 ET

**Weekly Small Group Meetings**

- Weekly meetings between kick-off and wrap-up
- Dates TBD members during kick-off meetings

**Wrap-up** (choose one):

- Thursday, December 4, 1:00 ET and 8:00 ET

**Virtual meetings**

- 2 large group meetings and 6 small group meetings
- 2 chapters covered per session.
- Members must commit to attend 4/6 meetings

[Register](#)

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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

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## Research Committee

### What are the duties and responsibilities of the committee?

Primary duties are to review and select grant applications for funding. This is an annual task. We are also responsible for overseeing the CSM platform/poster review process and selection of abstracts for presentation. Other duties as assigned by the BOD.

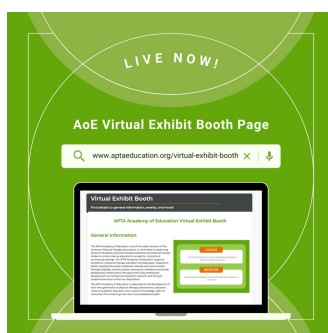
### What is something exciting happening within your committee?

We're accepting grant funding applications for research related to PT/PTA education, patient education, and clinician education now through October 21. [Click here](#) to apply. Selection of platform and poster presenters for CSM.

### Please list the members of your committee:

Chair Michael Buck  
Rachel Tappan  
Jamie Greco  
Kim Dao  
Melissa Tovin

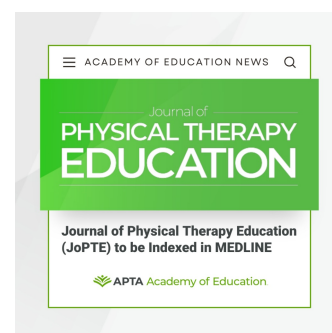
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