
RESIDENCY & FELLOWSHIP EDUCATION SIG

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Building bridges of collaboration and communication across specialty areas for advancing residency and fellowship research, mentoring, and curriculum.

Please enjoy the RFESIG's *Special Edition* newsletter highlighting residency and fellowship education at the upcoming 2021 APTA Combined Sections Meeting.

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A Month of Celebration

The APTA is celebrating it's 100th anniversary!

While we cannot be together for the fun and festivities, we will be able to enjoy the educational sessions and poster and platform presentations at [APTA's Combined Sections Meeting](#) through the entire month of February.

Learn more about the APTA and its centennial anniversary [here](#).

RFESIG's Business Meeting at CSM

Wednesday, February 10th

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm EST

[Live Virtual Meeting](#) through the conference platform. *All attendees must be registered for CSM to attend.*

Register for CSM [here](#).



Featured R/F Research

Residency Education: Is It Now or Never?

Gregory W. Hartley, PT, DPT; Mary Jane Rapport, PT, DPT, PhD, FAPTA;
Raine Osborne, PT, DPT, EdD; Matthew S. Briggs, PT, DPT, PhD, AT;
& Gail Jensen, PT, PhD, FAPTA
Physical Therapy. Dec 2020; pzaa225, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ptj/pzaa225>.

A pandemic has disrupted every facet of life. Educators have scrambled to adapt what existed “pre-COVID,” attempting to salvage plans while considering how to meet requirements that previously seemed important and essential. Both the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) and the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE) modified criteria to support physical therapist professional education programs in maintaining accreditation criteria within institutions and clinical settings that had to alter their own inherent structures. Despite unimaginable challenges, both professional doctor of physical therapy (DPT) programs and postprofessional physical therapist residency programs (PRPs) continue to exist. However, a chasm between the two puts one at much higher risk of collapse.

Have you or a colleague published a study or presented a poster related to residency or fellowship education?

**Email an abstract to
Raine Osborne**

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Submissions are accepted on an ongoing basis

COVID-19 R/F Resources

APTA Guidance

click [here](#)

APTE Guidance

click [here](#)

ABPTRFE Guidance

click [here](#)

Interview with Linda Csiza on ABPTRFE changes to R/F requirements

click [here](#)

Orthopedic Residency & Fellowship (ORF-SIG)

COVID-19 Manual

click [here](#)

ACAPT Guidance

click [here](#)

APTA Academy and Section Resources

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World Confederation for Physical Therapy

Resources

click [here](#)

Translating Research into Practice

Much has changed in the world and in physical therapist education since the APTA Combined Sections Meeting in Denver just one year ago. In their recent point of view paper, "Residency education: Is it now or never?", Hartley and colleagues point to this period of "forced discovery" as a call to action to redefine the continuum of physical therapist education and better prepare Doctors of Physical Therapy to meet societal needs in the 21st century and beyond. Central to this aim is an increased emphasis on the deep or conceptual learning that occurs in practice-based learning environments such as residency education. This paper also highlights the need for high quality educational research that not only investigates the value of residency and fellowship education, but also considers the progression of competency and adaptability across the full continuum of physical therapist professional and postprofessional education.

The Academy of Physical Therapy Education (APTE) Residency & Fellowship Education Special Interest Group (RFESIG) is working to answer this call. As a follow up to the 2020 Educational Leadership Conference presentation, *The Time is Now: A Call to Advance Residency and Fellowship Research*, the RFESIG will host a series of sessions that bring together residency and fellowship educators and educational researchers to further define critical research questions and develop studies that will inform this important conversation. The RFESIG will share further details on these sessions as they develop. In the meantime, feel free to contact the research chair, **Raine Osborne** (RF.Research@APTAeducation.org), if you have any questions or wish to express your interest in participating.

Reference:

Hartley GW, Rapport MJ, Osborne R, Briggs MS, Jensen GM. Residency education: is it now or never? *Phys Ther*. 26 Dec, 2020 [epub ahead of print].

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RFESIG Think Tank

The RFESIG is seeking new resources for the following areas:

- **Resources for Program Administration:** Accreditation Resources, Annual Report Resources, Program Tracking and Evaluation
- **Resources for Program Curriculum:** Curriculum Assessment & Evaluation Resources

Please email rfeducationsig@gmail.com to contribute a resource & assist our R/F colleagues.

CSM Programming

The following educational sessions are either specific to residency and fellowship education or may be of interest to R/F faculty.

Please consult the conference program [here](#) for specific information regarding each presentation.

Educational Sessions

The Value of Postprofessional Residency, Fellowship, and PhD Training

Michael John Bade, PT, DPT, PhD;
Jennifer Elaine Stevens-Lapsley, PT, MPT, PhD, FAPTA;
Carole A. Tucker, PT, PhD

#Physicaltherapytheclinicalpainexperts - Pain Education, Specialization, Residencies, Fellowships.

Are We Ready To Be The Pain Experts?

Derrick George Sueki, PT, DPT, PhD;
Marie Hoeger Bement, PT, PhD;
Nancy Robnett Durban, PT, DPT, MS;
Katie Payne McBee, PT, DPT; Katie Pellow, PT, DPT;
Marlon Wong, PT, DPT, PhD

Sports Residency First Aid Kit: Key Ingredients to Growing Successful Programs and Candidates

Nicole Melfi, PT, DPT, ATC; Emily Francione, PT, DPT, ATC;
James Craig Garrison, PT, ATC, PhD;
Dexter Clayton Upton, PT, DPT

Forging the Future of Residency Training in Oncologic Physical Therapy

*Rachel Tabak Tran, PT, DPT; Shaun Michael Mosley, PT, DPT;
Christopher Matthew Wilson, PT, DPT, DScPT*

A Survey of Diagnostic Imaging Curricula in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Programs

*Dale A. Gerke, PT; Evan Othmer Nelson, PT, DPT, PhD; Billy Joe Bruggink, PT, DPT, ATC;
Zachary Smith, PT, DPT; Emily Claire Goetz, PT, DPT; Luke Steven Menges, PT, DPT*

Making the Jump! Bridging the Outcome Measure Implementation Gap Between Entry-Level Education and Residency Practice

*Marielle Handley, PT, DPT; Sowmya Kumble, PT, MPT; Casey Houlihan, PT, DPT;
Feliz Marie Hernandez, PT, DPT; Leslie M. O'Neill, PT, DPT*

Postconference Courses

Essentials to Enhance Education and Outcomes in Residency/Fellowship Programs: Program Director and Faculty Track

*Kathleen Tierney Geist, PT, DPT; Aimee B. Klein, PT, DPT, DSc; Tara Jo Manal, PT, DPT, FAPTA;
Matthew D. Haberl, PT, DPT, ATC; Kirk R. Bentzen, PT, DPT, MBA; Eric K. Robertson, PT, DPT;
Stephen Michael Kareha, PT, DPT, ATC, PhD*

Wednesday, March 3rd; 8:00 am - 5:00 pm EDT

Other Events

PT Education Research Networking Event

*Network with residency & fellowship faculty, entry-level educators, and clinical educators at this
virtual live event. More information [here](#).*

Friday, February 26th; 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm EDT

R/F SIG Corner

Orthopaedic Residency & Fellowship SIG (ORF-SIG)

APTA Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy

Members of the ORF-SIG are hosting a residency/fellowship course at CSM entitled **Essentials to Enhance Education and Outcomes in Residency and Fellowship Programs**. Please see the course description below:

- Successful administration of residency and fellowship training programs is more complex than ever. This one-day course will assist accredited and developing residency and fellowship programs with integrating best clinical practice in residency/fellowship mentoring and curriculum development for your programs in 2021! Do you have administrative strategies for monitoring patient and director outcomes, strategies to advance clinical mentoring practices, and utilization of web-based programs to organize clinical forms for compliance? Whether you are an established residency/fellowship program looking to update compliance with the new criteria, integrating innovative and effective clinical mentoring strategies for an established program, or are a developing program just getting started, we can help! The speakers and attendees will have the unique opportunity to discuss areas of the accreditation process, such as curriculum and resident/fellow mentoring, as well as training of the resident/fellow mentor. This course will combine presentations with a roundtable discussion. Come and learn from colleagues who are program directors and active in the accreditation process. This post-conference course is available for \$185 for APTA Section Members and \$285 for others. (.8 CEUs)

Specialization SIG

APTA American Academy of Sports Physical Therapy

The Specialization SIG would like to highlight the following sports residency presentation at CSM:

- **Sports Residency First Aid Kit: Key Ingredients to Growing Successful Programs and Candidates** — Presented by Specialization SIG Chair, Craig Garrison, PhD, PT, SCS, ATC, and Membership Committee Co-Lead, Dexter Upton, PT, DPT, OCS, SCS, FAAOMPT, alongside several Texas Children's Hospital Sports Residency faculty members. This session will describe current evidence behind postgraduate mentorship, clinical research, didactic curriculum development, and venue coverage opportunities in a variety of sports settings.

Connect with the Specialization SIG on **Mobilize!**

- Interested in learning more about various sports physical therapy residency programs? Hear directly from Sports Residency Directors and Faculty in our Residency Spotlight series hosted by Stephen Coombs, PT, DPT, CSCS. All episodes are currently available through **Mobilize**.

"The most beautiful things are not associated with money; they are memories and moments. If you don't celebrate those, they can pass you by."

-Alek Wek

Member Resources

- **RFESIG website** - Learn more about our SIG [here](#).
- **Our Hub Community** - Join us [here](#).
- **Think Tank Compendium** - Click [here](#) to access resources to enhance your residency or fellowship program. All APTA members have access to the Think Tank.
Please note: The RFESIG Think Tank is an ongoing effort and will continue to review resources for inclusion in the Compendium. If you would like to share a resource with the Think Tank, please click [here](#).
*We kindly ask that you cite the originating program for each resource that you incorporate into your R/F program.
- **R/F Director & Coordinator Mentorship Program** - Click [here](#) to join the RFESIG's mentorship program geared toward leaders of R/F programs.

Thank you to our members!

The RFESIG continues to grow and now has 308 members.

Everyone is welcome!

Invite residency and fellowship graduates, faculty, and program directors across all specialty areas to join our SIG.

Questions? Comments?

Contact us at
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