**APTA Education Section** [http://www.aptaeducation.org](http://www.aptaeducation.org)

**Purpose:** The purpose of the 72 year old APTA Education Section shall be to provide a means by which Association members having a common interest that is to meet the needs of all persons concerned with the progress, growth, and development of education in physical therapy and to this end may meet, confer, and promote these interests.

**Brand:** Every PT and PTA is an Educator

**Functions**

- Promote the development and improvement of education in physical therapy.
- Promote professional growth and development in the academic and clinical environment, and for the individual in physical therapy.
- Provide mechanisms for communication among those in physical therapy education.
- Identify and evaluate areas of concern related to education in physical therapy.
- Gather and disseminate information pertinent to education trends for practices in physical therapy education and to advocate for legislation relating to education in physical therapy.
- Foster investigation in the multifaceted processes and methods in physical therapy education.
- Enhance the quality of the teaching-learning processes in the academic, institutional, and clinical environments.
- Identify and collaborate with resource persons and associations related to education in physical therapy.
- Foster development of materials related to education in physical therapy.

**Mission & Goals:** The Education Section’s mission is to inspire all physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in their roles as educators and to enhance the development, implementation, and dissemination of evidence-based education practices. **Education Section Goals**:

- **Research:** Promote scholarly activities and access to new knowledge that facilitates evidence-based educational practices
- **Education:** Increase professional development opportunities to enhance the various educator roles in physical therapy practice
- **Standards of Practice:** Provide support for the PT and PTA educator role by disseminating accessible resources on evidence-based teaching and learning principles, methods and strategies

**Brief Description of Core Membership:** APTA member educators: clinical, academic, patient/client, profession advocates

**Education Section Leadership:** Executive Committee Leadership- President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer; 20 member Board of Directors, consists of elected: 4 Section Officers-Executive Committee, 2 Representatives-at-Large (Promotion & Development), 6 SIG Chairs/Co-Chairs representing **5*SIGs:** Academic Faculty (AF SIG), Anatomy*Educators, Clinical Education (CE SIG), PTA Educators (PTA SIG), Residency & Fellowship Education (RFE SIG); Chair of the Nominating Committee; and Appointed Committee Chairs (JOPTe Co-Editors, Awards, Research, Programming, and Website/SM Editor)

**Key Programs, Projects, Initiatives:** Educational Programming & Development – Combined Sections Meeting, Faculty Development Workshops, Education Leadership Conference, Celebration of Diversity, APTA Learning Center Continuing Education; member discounts & clinical faculty sponsorships to ELC annually; Website-Resource information for Educators; member service and leadership opportunities.

**Research:** Journal of Physical Therapy Education (4 issues annually) - peer reviewed and 2 co-editors, 12 member editorial board; CSM & ELC-Peer Reviewed Abstracts and Education Sessions; RFPs – peer reviewed; 9 member research committee.

**Awards & Scholarship:** Cerasoli Lecture, Adopt-A-Doc, PODS, Foundation Education Research Funding, Emerging Leader Award, Leadership in Education, Distinguished Educator in Physical Therapy, Linda Crane Memorial Lecture, JPTe Stanford Award, JPTe Feitelburg Journal Founder’s Award, President’s Award, Capitol Hill Day-Student Sponsorship, Education Section Educational Research Scholarship Grants; Diversity Funding, APTA Foundation Endowment & Educational Grants; **Advocacy:** HOD Delegate, Component Leadership and FAL  **Networking:** List Serve, Mentoring, Conferences, Issues Forums, SIG forums, Business meeting and reception

**Major Revenue Sources:** Membership Dues, CSM (Partnerships & Section), ELC, Investments, Promotional (Ads: faculty, courses, functions); Vendor/Exhibitor Sponsors

**Organizational Metrics:**

- Number of members: 3,019 as of 5/31/2017 PT: 2,758; PTA: 197; Student: 64
- Annual Working Budget Size: ~ $375,000-$400,000
- Annual Dues: $50 PT; $25 Post-Professional; $35 PTA; $0 Life; $50 Retired PT; $35 Retired PTA
- Staff Size: 1 Component Executive Director shared with the Michigan Chapter and Federal Section
- Email: educationsection@apta.org