Over the past year or so, I’ve frequently heard how physical therapists across specialties can easily become isolated in their “silos.” Discussing issues, concerns, and achievements with physical therapists outside of one’s immediate network is incredibly beneficial and conducive to improving one’s practice and R-F program. The Education Leadership Conference epitomizes this idea of collaboration. Clinicians learning from educators; educators learning from clinicians. Please consider joining us in the APTE’s innovative conference that facilitates cross-specialty communication and learning.

Sincerely,

Sara Kraft, Chair
Education Leadership Conference

The Academy of Physical Therapy Education’s annual conference is geared toward educators in either didactic or clinical settings. The theme of this year’s conference is Our Leadership Landscape: Perspectives from the Ground Level to 30,000 Feet.

Residency and fellowship educators will learn how to promote access and equality, lead through innovation and simulation, develop leadership skills, and develop strategies to build resilience in residents and fellows-in-training. We would love for you to join us at this highly informative conference that enables one to interact with educators across settings.

Please click here if you are interested in learning more or would like to register for the conference.

Upcoming RFESIG Meeting at ELC

Discover new residency and fellowship learning opportunities. Nominate yourself or a colleague for a committee position. Learn when the R-F Think Tank will release more mentoring and curriculum resources.

Join us for the RFESIG meeting!

Friday, October 12th
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
**Expand Your Audience**

*Have you or a colleague published a study or presented a poster related to Residency or Fellowship education?*

We want to highlight your research in the RFESIG Community!

Submissions are accepted throughout the year.

Email an abstract to Yvonne Body

ybody@usa.edu

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**RFE at ELC**

**RFESIG Featured Course**

Bridging the Gap: Innovative Leadership Training in Residency/Fellowship Education

*Speakers: John DeWitt, Jason Zafereo, Sara V. Kraft, & Carol Jo Tichenor*

**Saturday, October 13 :: 1:15 pm to 2:45 pm**

**Course Description:** New core competency standards proposed by the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE) have specifically identified professional leadership as an essential domain for the resident and fellow-in-training. In 2017, the RFESIG commissioned a Think Tank to identify and share innovative and exceptional curriculum and mentor training models of across residency-fellowship specialty areas. In this educational session, members of the Think Tank will share innovative examples of inter-professional models on leadership training that residency and fellowship programs can implement regardless of resources. This collaboration is the first of its kind for residency and fellowship education in PT, and represents an opportunity and challenge for all educators to bridge the gap in leadership training across the continuum of PT education.

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**Additional Residency & Fellowship Education Programming**

**Build on Your Strengths: How Residencies Work for Professional Leaders**

*Speakers: Jacqueline Osborne & Jill Heitzman*

Friday, October 12 :: 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

**Interprofessional Residency Education: A Pilot Program with Physical Therapy and Family Medicine Residents**

*Speakers: Raine Osborne & David Mcllnnes*

Saturday, October 13 :: 1:15 pm to 2:45 pm

**Simulation Education to Augment Mentoring in a Sports Physical Therapy Residency**

*Speakers: David Nolan & Kristin Greenwood*

Friday, October 12 :: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

*Click here for the full list of ELC courses.*
Can’t make it to ELC?

We will be at CSM too!

Find the RFESIG at the following CSM events:

- Annual RFESIG meeting
- Featured RFESIG programming:
  “Breaking Down Silos: Innovative Resources for Residency/Fellowship Education”

More information to come!

Upcoming APTE and RFESIG elections

The window to nominate yourself or a colleague will close on December 1st.

If you or a colleague is interested in one of the following positions:

**RFESIG Board of Directors**
- Vice Chair
- Nominating Committee
- Membership Secretary

**Academy of Physical Therapy Education Board of Directors**
- Executive Committee:
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
- Representative-at-Large

Please email Jason Zafereo at jason.zafereo@utsouthwestern.edu
Member Resources

• **Our Community** - Join us [here](#).

In the [APTE Residency/Fellowship Education SIG community](#), you can:

• Share research and resources
• Network with others
• Discuss R/F ideas and issues in our designated forums

• **RFESIG website** - Learn more about our SIG [here](#).

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Thank you to our members!

The RFESIG continues to grow and now has 219 members.

All are welcome!

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

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Questions? Comments?

Contact Christina Gomez at [cgomezpt@gmail.com](mailto:cgomezpt@gmail.com)

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“Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.”

-Mattie Stepanek