

Clinical Education Resources for Clinical Faculty

The following organizations offer support for clinical educators through their resources, continuing education, and research efforts. They also represent and offer the voice of *a//* stakeholders in physical therapy clinical education as it is needed for decisions that impact the stakeholders and the profession.

APTA-Michigan Clinical Education Consortium

<https://aptami.org/clinical-ed-sig-2/>

- ❖ The state special interest group for clinical educators in Michigan.
 - 2 meetings per year offered virtually now
 - Resource for clinical education in Michigan
 - Supports scholarships for clinical educators to national conferences
 - Offer continuing education instruction
- ❖ 2 (soon to be 3 forums) for local regional clinical educators
 - Detroit Area Clinical Education Form (DACEF)
 - Western Michigan Clinical Education Forum (WMCEF)
 - Northern Michigan Clinical Education Form (in development)
- ❖ Liaison between APTA Academy of Education, American Council of Academic Physical Therapy, and National Consortium of Clinical Education

Key Resources Available:

- ✓ General Information Gathered at Site Visits by Michigan DPT Programs
- ✓ CPI Web Training links
- ✓ Information about Professional Development Opportunities

*** The CEC is a great local networking group for Clinical Educators!

American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)

<https://www.apta.org/>

- ❖ The professional organization for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants has many resources including information on supervision of students, reimbursement guidelines for students under the supervision of students' guidelines for promoting clinical education partnerships, and more.
- ❖ Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) is for those clinicians interested in further developing their teaching abilities. Two course levels are offered. Link to <https://www.apta.org/for-educators/clinical-education-development> for more information

APTA Academy of Education

<https://aptaeducation.org/>

- ❖ This section of the APTA is dedicated to supporting physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and students in the development of excellence in all aspects of physical therapy education. Resources are available for the Site Coordinator of Clinical Education (SCCE) and Clinical Instructor (CI) for development and assessment of effective clinical education programs. There are a variety of clinical education resources available at <https://aptaeducation.org/clinical-educator-resources/index.cfm> including:
 - task force reports
 - Medicare guidelines for supervision
 - Reference Manual for Site Coordinators of Clinical Education
 - Clinical Site Information Form (CSIF)
- ❖ Special Interest Groups
<https://aptaeducation.org/special-interest-group/>

Six special interest groups for members of the Academy of Education exist to support focused educational interests. Specifically of interest to clinical faculty are the following:

- Clinical Education Special Interest Group (CE-SIG)
- Residency/Fellowship Education Special Interest Group

A variety of useful links are available for these SIGS

American Council of Academic Physical Therapy (ACAPT)

<https://acapt.org/>

- ❖ An organization dedicated to academic excellence in physical therapy education
- ❖ One objective of this organization is to “advance innovative clinical education models”
- ❖ Check out the history of ACAPT at <https://acapt.org/about/who-we-are/history> to better understand how this group impacts clinical education
- ❖ National Consortium of Clinical Educators (NCCE)
<https://acapt.org/about/consortium/national-consortium-of-clinical-educators>
 - Represents clinical faculty from the academic and clinical worlds in physical therapist education programs
 - Mission is to “champion of excellence and agent of change within the clinical education community”
 - 3 current goals: communication, growth and sustainability, and research

