

ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC PHYSICAL THERAPY

Students, New Professionals, and APPT

“A child’s smile is a reward that lasts a lifetime” –Kristin, PT, DPT

The Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy (APPT) is a specialty section of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) that represents pediatric physical therapy and serves as a collective, collaborative voice to support access to and provision of the highest quality physical therapy services to children, adults with developmental disabilities, and their families. APPT is committed to furthering our knowledge to better serve the children in our communities and hosts a variety of continuing education courses, including the Academy’s Annual Conference (APPTAC).

The field is growing rapidly with advances in health care and in our knowledge of child development. Join us for exciting adventures in teaching, learning, and exploring, and make a difference to the children we serve! Students and New Professionals are encouraged to join APPT for reduced rates and experience the great benefits Academy membership has to offer:

- Opportunities to become involved in our network of volunteers
- Student and new professional scholarships to help fund attendance at APTA’s Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) and APPTAC
- A Student and New Professionals (SNP) Group that hosts educational and social events at CSM and APPTAC
- Free membership in any of our 7 special-interest groups (Adolescents & Adults With Developmental Disabilities, Early Intervention, Hospital-Based, Pediatric Sports-Fitness, School-Based, Neonatology, and Academic and Clinical Educators)
- Print, online, and podcast access to *Pediatric Physical Therapy*, the Academy’s quarterly peer-reviewed international journal
- Monthly electronic newsletter
- Scholarships and study groups to support becoming a Pediatric Certified Specialist (PCS)
- APPT grants to support clinical research
- A Diversity Development Scholarship to award the cost of APPT, APTA, and chapter dues to applicants from racial/ethnic minority groups who are current students or recent graduates
- Dissertation and Student Clinical Research awards to honor outstanding student research
- Continuing education opportunities with student member discounts
- Academy social media and other communities where members can ask questions, share knowledge, and discuss ideas
- Access to “members-only” areas of the APPT website, where you can find a variety of fact sheets that address various areas of pediatric practice

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