

# ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC PHYSICAL THERAPY

## Physical Therapist Assistants and APPT

The Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy (APPT) has many PTA members, just like you. We hope you will consider joining the Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy! In addition to all the standard APPT benefits listed in the APPT Benefits of Belonging handout (and online at [www.pediatricapta.org](http://www.pediatricapta.org) under Join Us), the Academy has several benefits that are of specific interest to PTAs, including the Outstanding Pediatric Clinical Practice Award.

You may also be interested in pursuing the American Physical Therapy Association's (APTA's) PTA Advanced Proficiency Pathways (APP) program demonstrate advanced proficiency in several different areas of care, including Pediatrics. The APP program uses multiple approaches to help applicants gain and demonstrate proficiency in areas of interest that include acute care, cardiovascular and pulmonary, geriatrics, oncology, orthopedics, pediatrics, and wound management. Participants take online core courses common to all of the APPs as well as content-specific courses for the selected area of work, followed by experiences with a qualified mentor of the participant's choosing. A dedicated program mentor at APTA makes sure that participants stay on the pathway and arrive at advanced proficiency as efficiently as possible. For more information, visit [www.apta.org/APP](http://www.apta.org/APP).

### How the Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Can Help

APTA's Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy (APPT) is proud to support the efforts of PTAs in developing the knowledge, skills, and behaviors needed to pursue the APP program in pediatric physical therapy. As an APPT member, you will have access to discounted registration for the APPT Annual Conference (APPTAC) and APTA's Combined Sections Meeting, as well as print and online access to *Pediatric Physical Therapy* (the APPT peer-reviewed journal), online resources (including the APPT online community), networking with other pediatric PTAs, and much more. APPT is also an APTA Learning Center partner and provides excellent online continuing education specific to pediatric practice that can help support you.

**To join APPT or for more information, visit [www.pediatricapta.org](http://www.pediatricapta.org).**