

ABPTRFE OPERATIONAL PLAN

ABPTRFE PURPOSE

The American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE) is an appointed group by the Board of Directors of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). ABPTRFE is responsible for determining the requirements with which a residency or fellowship education program in physical therapy must comply in order to be credentialed and amending these requirements as appropriate. This document will help prepare ABPTRFE to meet the challenges and opportunities that exist for residency and fellowship education of physical therapists while at the same time informing their decisions to better meet the needs of APTA, its members, and consumers. This document will be reviewed annually for its accomplishment and updated as needed.

ABPTRFE VALUES

ABPTRFE utilizes APTA's core values and reflects them within their work:

- ◆ Accountability
- ◆ Altruism
- ◆ Compassion/Caring
- ◆ Excellence
- ◆ Integrity
- ◆ Professional Duty
- ◆ Social Responsibility

ABPTRFE VISION

Recognized and valued as the leader and model of best practice in credentialing of postprofessional physical therapy residency and fellowship programs in the United States. ABPTRFE aspires that residency and fellowship education becomes the preferred pathway for physical therapist professional development and advancement.

2012—2017 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Note: *The following goals are listed in priority order as determined by ABPTRFE.*

REFINE POLICIES AND STANDARDS

Goal: Expand organizational and administrative resources within APTA required to meet the needs of additional residency and fellowship programs.

Objectives:

- a. Define all policies and procedures for development of residency and fellowship programs linked to the Vision and Core Values of ABPTRFE.
- b. Review and revise the standards related to the credentialing process.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Goal: Identify and implement mechanisms to ensure sufficient resources available to physical therapy residency and fellowship education.

Objectives:

- a. Develop into a self sustaining entity for credentialing residency and fellowship programs.
- b. Investigate funding sources available to programs and create a resource manual.

RESEARCH

Goal: Facilitate and disseminate evidence that supports residency and fellowship education.

Objectives:

- a. Develop a research agenda related to residency and fellowship education.
- b. Collect and disseminate research related to residency and fellowship education.

PUBLIC AWARENESS/MARKETING

Goal: Increase awareness, value, and participation in credentialed residency and fellowship education.

Objectives:

- a. Develop a marketing plan for the promotion of physical therapist residency and fellowship education.
- b. Promote residency and fellowship credentialing to internal and external stakeholders.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Goal: Increase the availability and diversity of residency and fellowship programs to meet the demands of consumers.

Objectives:

- a. Assist in the development of residencies and fellowships in new and emerging areas.
- b. Develop resources to assist with program development.



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