



Internship Program Guidelines

Interns will undertake a special assignment related to their area of interest and the association's current issues and activities, to be completed by the conclusion of the internship. Interns will work onsite at APTA's headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia; however, in certain circumstances, telecommuting may be permissible. Students looking for college credit for their internship must contact their respective college program for details. We are happy to work with your university to ensure you receive full credit for your time and work at APTA.

The length and scheduling of the internship must be agreed to in advance by the intern and the hosting department's senior management. Interns are expected to provide their own housing, transportation, and expenses. Parking at APTA is subject to availability and street parking is limited, public transportation is best. Visit www.wmata.com for transportation assistance.

An internship assignment at APTA is intended to be challenging and meaningful for both the intern and the association. Ideally, assignments should enable the intern to participate in a representative variety of duties. Assigned activities must be relevant to the goals and objectives of the hosting department. Interaction with as many full time APTA employees as possible is advantageous in order to provide continual, productive feedback throughout the assignment.

Internship Descriptions

R. Charles Harker Internship

In 1995, the APTA Board of Directors approved an annual summer intern program in memory of longtime staff member R. Charles Harker. The internship is for up to three months beginning May or June. The individual works onsite at APTA Headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia in the Government Affairs Department.

Criteria: Applicants must be matriculates students in a post baccalaureate physical therapy program, have experience or education in legislative/regulatory arena, have an interest in public policy, and be members of APTA.

Responsibilities: In consultation with the Vice President of Public Policy, Practice and Professional Affairs Unit, interns may design a program to involve various aspects of the departments within the Unit. Interns may also work with our Political Action Committee. Interns will have the opportunity to attend congressional hearings, participate with advocacy meetings with Congressional staffers, and research various pieces of legislation that are important to the physical therapy field. Interns are also expected to assist in responding to questions from APTA members and assist with routine administrative tasks as required.

Salary: Current hourly rate as set by the Human Resources department for Interns.

Applications: Please forward a resume, letter indicating experience and interest in legislative/regulatory arena and public policy, an essay (not to exceed 1 page) describing what you hope to gain from the experience of working in APTA's Government Affairs Department to the Human Resources department at jobs@apta.org attn: R. Charles Harker Internship. Submission deadline is March 1.

Please direct all questions regarding APTA's internship programs to Human Resources at: jobs@apta.org