CALL FOR TRAINERS
TO PROVIDE VOLUNTARY CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR EDUCATION & CREDENTIALING PROGRAM
APRIL 26-28, 2012

Course Description and Expectations

Applications are now being accepted for individuals who are interested in becoming credentialed trainers of APTA’s Clinical Instructor Education and Credentialing Program (CIECP). The 3-day instructional course is based on adult and active experiential learning approaches. To enter the course, participants must have a command of content related to clinical teaching, supervision, and evaluation. By the end of the course, participants are expected to demonstrate familiarity with content contained within the CIECP, competently manage and coordinate the Assessment Center, and teach selected content by integrating active teaching strategies.

The Clinical Instructor Education Workgroup (CIEW) will award a 3-year Clinical Trainer Credential based on the candidates’ successfully meeting established criteria as reflected by faculty evaluations, demonstrating the ability to accurately self-assess, and achieving established performance criteria.

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must demonstrate evidence of the following:

- Status as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, as evidenced by current documentation (eg, licensure, certification, registration) that meets state regulations.
- Current membership in APTA.
- Minimum of 2 years as a center coordinator of clinical education (CCCE) or 2 years as an academic coordinator/director of clinical education (ACCE/DCE), or 3 years combined experience as a CCCE and ACCE/DCE.
- Experience as a clinical instructor (CI) for students.
- APTA Credentialed CI status.
- Teaching experience, including different levels of learners and class sizes.
- Commitment and willingness to provide ongoing training of clinical educators for a minimum of 3 years.
- Access to an available mechanism for providing CIECPs.
- Completion of application materials (available online) by stated deadline to include: electronic application form, including a reference from the applicant's supervisor; applicant's self-assessment form; reference form completed by a student/learner the applicant has supervised or taught; and a reference form completed by a colleague/peer who has observed the applicant's performance as a clinical or academic teacher.

Credentialed Clinical Trainer Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Credentialed Clinical Trainer are to:

- Make a 3-year commitment to providing the CIECP.
- Independently teach or team-teach a minimum of 3 voluntary CIECPs to a minimum of 30 people within the 3 years of credentialing.
- Independently teach all 6 sections of the CI Education curriculum, and lead and manage the Assessment Center within a 3-year period.
- Maintain membership in APTA.
- Maintain access to a viable mechanism of support (eg, consortia, employer, academic program, Area Health Education Cooperative [AHEC], etc) to teach the CIECP.
- Complete the portfolio documentation in year 3 following the awarding of initial Credentialed Clinical Trainer status for the purpose of re-credentialing.
- Commitment to give evidence that all renewal criteria have been met successfully.
- Complete all administrative functions within specified time limits.
Course Dates, Costs, and Materials

Train-the-Trainer Program, Alexandria, Virginia
April 26-28, 2012

This course is by invitation only and space is limited. To determine your eligibility and your willingness to accept the responsibilities associated with being a Credentialed Clinical Trainer, carefully review the eligibility criteria and Credentialed Clinical Trainer responsibilities.

Costs associated with this course include:

- $400.00 program registration fee (payable to APTA)
- Participant’s airfare, hotel, and two dinners

The program registration fee includes the Clinical Trainer Manual, PowerPoint slides to teach the course, DVD for the Assessment Center, Clinical Instructor Participant Manual, Active Learning text, other course materials, and continental breakfasts and lunches during the course.

The Train-the-Trainer application can be found at [http://www.apta.org/CIECP/BecomingaTrainer/](http://www.apta.org/CIECP/BecomingaTrainer/). All applications must be received by December 1, 2011.

If you have questions about the Train-the-Trainer program, please contact APTA’s Department of Academic/Clinical Education Affairs at 800/999-2782, ext 8528 or e-mail kristinestoneley@apta.org.