

2023 Candidate Bio – Candidate for Director



Colleen Chancler, PT, MHS, PhD

Dr. Colleen Chancler is an Assistant Professor in the Institute for Physical Therapy at Widener University in Chester, PA. Dr. Chancler teaches Cardiovascular and Pulmonary, Neurology and Medically Complex courses in the DPT curriculum. She graduated from the University of Scranton with a BS in Physical Therapy, from Drexel University with a Master's in Health Services and from Seton Hall University with her PhD. Dr. Chancler has completed research on the effects of hospitalization on older adults being discharged home and presented these findings in several peer reviewed meetings. She is the co-author of a second edition book chapter on Neurology and Neurosurgical Management in Physical Therapy in Acute Care: A Clinician's Handbook. Dr. Chancler regularly works in the acute care and outpatient settings.

She has been an active member of the Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association (APTA PA) since 1982 and has served in many positions at the district, state, and national level. She has served in the American Physical Therapy (APTA) on committees and task forces and has been elected to serve in the House of Delegates (HOD) for over 30+ years. Dr. Chancler has received the Outstanding Service Award from Widener University, the APTA Henry O. and Florence P. Kendall Practice Award, and the APTA Lucy Blair Service Award.

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