

# American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education



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## Purpose:

Pursuant to Association policy American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education Recognition, the American Physical Therapy Association recognizes the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education as the agency for the accreditation of physical therapy residency and fellowship education programs.

## Members and Terms:

The board shall consist of 10 members – eight physical therapist members and two public members appointed by the APTA Board of Directors, each serving a four-year term.

## Member Qualifications:

Each physical therapist member will have a minimum of two years of experience on one of the following: the Candidacy Review Council, the former Committee on Clinical Residency and Fellowship Program Credentialing, the former Accreditation Services Council, or the former Program Services Council. Members must hold active membership in APTA. Public members may not be physical therapists.

## Responsibilities:

1. Determining the quality standards, policies, and procedures with which a residency or fellowship education program must comply to be accredited and amending these requirements as appropriate.
2. Providing an efficient and credible system for the evaluation, accreditation, and renewal of accreditation of physical therapy residency and fellowship education programs.
3. Developing and maintaining the policies and procedures for the implementation and evaluation of the accreditation process.
4. Providing formal recognition of ABPTRFE-accredited residency and fellowship programs.
5. Overseeing the activities of the Candidacy Review Council and evaluate effectiveness of processes and initiatives.
6. Addressing the demand for accredited residency and fellowship programs by promoting wide regional representation and access to all specialty and subspecialty practices.
7. Fostering retention of accredited residency and fellowship programs.
8. Identifying new and existing resources for residency and fellowship programs.
9. Acting upon all grievance issues (appeals process).
10. Appointing members of the Candidacy Review Council.

The APTA Board of Directors directs funding for the residency and fellowship accreditation program.

## Explanation of Reference Numbers:

HOD P00-00-00-00 stands for House of Delegates/month/year/page/vote in the House of Delegates minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, HOD P06-17-05-04 means that this position can be found in the June 2017 House of Delegates minutes on Page 5 and that it was Vote 4.

P: Position | S: Standard | G: Guideline | Y: Policy | R: Procedure

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