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Fax: Send both sides of completed application to 703/706-8536.

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American Physical Therapy Association
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Phone: Call APTA's Member Services Department at 800/999-2782, ext 3395, M-F 8:30 am-6:00 pm ET
Have your credit card ready.

Student Applicants

To qualify for student membership, you must be accepted to or enrolled in an entry-level PT or PTA program that is accredited or is seeking or has been granted candidacy status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. Be sure to designate your school/institution, degree level, expected graduation date, and program chair's name and phone number on your application or renewal.

Note: Transition DPT students are not eligible for student membership or PT postprofessional student membership.



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APTA Student Members Say It Best...

"Attending APTA conferences has enabled me to meet many influential people within our profession and network with other students from across the country."

Allison Wehunt, SPT

"NSC continues to be the best opportunity for PT and PTA students across the country to come together to share ideas and experiences relating to the physical therapy profession."

Jeff Buis, SPTA

"Being an active member has kept me up-to-date on current affairs, and has given me the confidence to speak intelligently with patients and other health care professionals about physical therapy."

Erica Sigman, SPT

"My membership provides excellent evidence-based research that is a simple click away!"

Brittany Vallie, SPT

Over 72,000 members strong and growing...

APTA has a lot to offer you at any stage in your career

- **Gain Recognition** and Advance Your Career
- **Access** Evidenced-Based Practice Research
- **Build** Professional and Personal Relationships
- **Get Answers** to Real-World Physical Therapy Questions
- **Obtain Tools** and Resources to Start or Grow Your Practice
- **Power the Future** of Physical Therapy



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Jump-Start Your Career in Physical Therapy



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Great Reasons to Join the American Physical Therapy Association



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Now that you're on your way to a career in physical therapy, put the American Physical Therapy Association to work for you—join APTA today!

Check out these reasons why APTA is great for your career!

- 1 APTA gives you access to valuable member benefits at significantly reduced rates during your education and after graduation.**

As a member, you'll have the resources you need as you begin your education and your career—at a discount of at least 40% off nonmember prices. Your APTA membership entitles you to BIG savings on professional resources, such as the *Guide to Physical Therapist Practice*, *Writing Case Reports: A How-to Manual*, and *FirstHand: The Basic Evaluation Kit for Students of Physical Therapy*.

And, of course, members get special discounts on registration for conferences and seminars, too.
- 2 APTA keeps you up-to-date about trends, new research, and hot topics through the Web site, PT Bulletin Online, PT in Motion (formerly PT Magazine), and Physical Therapy.**

Your membership gives you access to members-only resources and the information you need to stay one step ahead! APTA is your best and most trusted source for the latest information on physical therapy practice, trends, and issues.
- 3 As an APTA member, you can connect with experts in the field and learn from the best.**

APTA's mentoring programs provide many opportunities for you to grow. You'll benefit from new sources of knowledge, leadership development, development of problem-solving skills, team building approaches, political savvy, and more. In the time it takes to microwave popcorn you could be online seeking a mentor and on your way to professional success. The Members Mentoring Members Directory of over 600 mentors is free to APTA members online at www.apta.org/mentoring.
- 4 APTA's online career center includes detailed members-only information on emerging practice areas—areas worth exploring as you begin your job search.**

And you'll find valuable tips on résumé writing, interviewing, and negotiating. Finding your first job will be much easier with APTA on your side!

- 5 APTA membership demonstrates your pride and dedication to the physical therapy profession to potential employers—and it gives you an edge over the competition as you begin your job hunt.**

When you join APTA, you're clearly demonstrating your commitment to your profession—and that's one commitment that employers all over the country will recognize.
- 6 APTA is your best source for answers to your physical therapy questions.**

APTA has a lot of information to share, and it's easier than ever to find the answers that you're looking for. Visit APTA's Web site 24/7 to connect with the information and research that you need as you study, or use the staff directory to contact in-house experts that can provide you with a unique perspective. Take advantage of these resources and you'll be better prepared for your exams and your clinical rotations.
- 7 APTA gives you opportunities to interact with and learn from colleagues from across the United States.**

Whether you attend local or national meetings, you'll meet others who share your career. You'll make new friends and lifelong contacts when you join APTA, and you'll have a chance to share your ideas with other students at chapter and district meetings and at the always-popular National Student Conclave, the only national meeting for students of physical therapy.
- 8 APTA helps you focus on your interests.**

Maybe you've already discovered an area of special interest in physical therapy. APTA's 18 specialty sections give you the chance to develop a greater understanding of particular areas, and to meet and interact with professionals who share your interests.

- 9 APTA helps you build your leadership skills.**

Your involvement in APTA activities as a student can be the start of something big. It's a great way to learn about the issues affecting the profession, meet experts in the field, develop leadership skills, and become active in making a difference for physical therapy.

The Student Assembly is your voice in the association, and through the Assembly you'll be able to take an active role in APTA while you develop leadership skills and increase your peer network. It's never too soon to begin building your professional reputation!
- 10 You'll gain access to APTA-endorsed insurance plans and financial programs.**

Take advantage of APTA-endorsed insurance plans for accident, auto, dental, professional liability, short-term medical, and student injury and sickness. Our programs have been reviewed by a committee of APTA members and are monitored to ensure ongoing quality.
- 11 APTA members save even more money with Career Starter Dues.**

Your student membership entitles you to future savings on your membership dues. After graduation, student members can renew their APTA membership at significant savings—but ONLY new graduates who are APTA student members at the time of their graduation are eligible. The APTA Career Starter Dues program is our way of welcoming you into the profession.
- 12 You'll join forces with more than 72,000 other physical therapy professionals to protect the future of the physical therapy profession. The more members APTA represents, the brighter your future will be.**

APTA is the voice of the physical therapy profession, actively representing the profession on Capitol Hill, in state legislature, and with regulators. Your association is dedicated to advancing physical therapy practice, research, and education.

It's easy to see how you can get off to a good start with APTA on your side. Visit www.aptastudent.org to explore all of the resources you're entitled to. APTA membership is the best investment you can make in your education and your career!