ABPTRFE American Board of Physical Therapy Residency & Fellowship Education



Joint Board Strategic Plan 2023-2025

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The American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties will create, promote, and sustain a culture in which the highest-quality physical therapy is provided by therapists who attain and maintain certification in a specialty area.

ABPTRFE Vision

Recognized and valued as the leader and model of best practice in the accreditation of post-professional physical therapy residency and fellowship programs in the United States.

Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

ABPTS and ABPTRFE are committed to increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion within their leadership, volunteer groups, and the stakeholders they serve.

Engagement and Awareness	Collaboration and Networks	Demand and Access	Research and Data Management			
GOALS						
Increase awareness related to post-professional specialization opportunities among internal and external stakeholders.	Cultivate new and enhance existing collaborative partnerships to advance specialization within the learner continuum.	Drive demand for, and access to, physical therapist specialists as a proven pathway to improve the human experience.	Develop and prioritize a research agenda focused on specialization.			
OUTCOMES						
ABPTS and ABPTRFE will develop creative and innovative marketing strategies to enhance promotional efforts of these programs to current and future physical therapists.	ABPTS and ABPTRFE will foster new collaborations within education and health organizations to expand reach and influence of physical therapist specialization.	ABPTS will increase the number of board-certified specialists.	ABPTS and ABPTRFE will engage a community of researchers across practice areas to collaborate and share knowledge that advances post- professional education and specialization.			
ABPTS and ABPTRFE will develop creative and innovative marketing strategies to increase consumer and stakeholder awareness of, and demand for, physical therapist specialization to meet growing health care demands.	ABPTS and ABPTRFE will strengthen existing collaborations within education and health organizations to better prepare individuals to pursue specialization.	ABPTRFE will increase access to residency and fellowship educational opportunities.	ABPTS and ABPTRFE will collate a portfolio of accessible data and research findings to facilitate decision-making and identify processes that promote specialization and outcomes to meet the needs of society.			
APTA CONNECTED OPERATIONAL PLANS						
RC 10-21 Report on Future of Specialization	A Vision for Excellence in Physical Therapy Education	APTA Strategic Plan	APTA Scientific Research Priorities for the Physical Therapy Profession			