

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) is our national professional organization. The Association's efforts are directed toward serving its members and the public by increasing the understanding of the physical therapist's role in the health care system and by fostering improvements in physical therapy education, practice, and research.

While Pacific University Physical Therapy Program does not require that students become members of APTA, the Program embraces the idea that membership is a professional responsibility that all therapists and therapy students should uphold. Membership for students is deeply discounted by APTA. To become a member, go to www.apta.org.

The Program supports student involvement in APTA activities. This includes the Combined Sections Meeting held in January or February, the Annual Conference held in June, and the National Student Conclave held in the fall. For more information on how students can be involved in APTA, go to www.apta.org/for-students/student-involvement/.

APTA - OREGON

APTA - Oregon (APTA - OR) is our local chapter of the APTA. The mission of APTA - OR is to support, promote, and advocate for the profession of physical therapy in the state of Oregon. APTA - OR strives to further the profession's role in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of conditions that affect movement and function.

APTA - OR is extremely supportive of student participation organization. Students can attend APTA - OR Board meetings, join committees, participate in APTA - OR social events, and attend the Spring and Fall conferences. The APTA - OR leadership recognizes and encourages students to begin their involvement early and to stay involved throughout their careers.

Additionally, each Oregon academic program chooses one student to serve as a Student Liaison between the student body of his or her program and the APTA - OR Board. The Liaison is announced each year at the Spring Conference. To be considered as the liaison and further information about APTA - OR go to www.aptaoregon.org.

OREGON BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

The Oregon Board of Physical Therapy was created in 1971 to regulate the practice of physical therapy in Oregon. The Board's purpose is public protection and to establish professional standards of practice which assure that physical therapists and physical therapist assistants are properly educated, hold valid/current licenses, practice within their scope of practice and continue to receive ongoing training throughout their careers. Physical therapy practice is governed by state statutes and rules, which define the scope of practice. The Board issues licenses, promulgates

rules, monitors continuing education, investigates complaints, issues civil penalties for violations and may revoke, suspend or impose probation on a licensee or limit his/her practice. The Board is comprised of eight volunteer members: five physical therapists, one physical therapist assistant, and two public members. Each member is appointed by the Governor and may serve a four-year term. www.oregon.gov/pt/Pages/default.aspx.