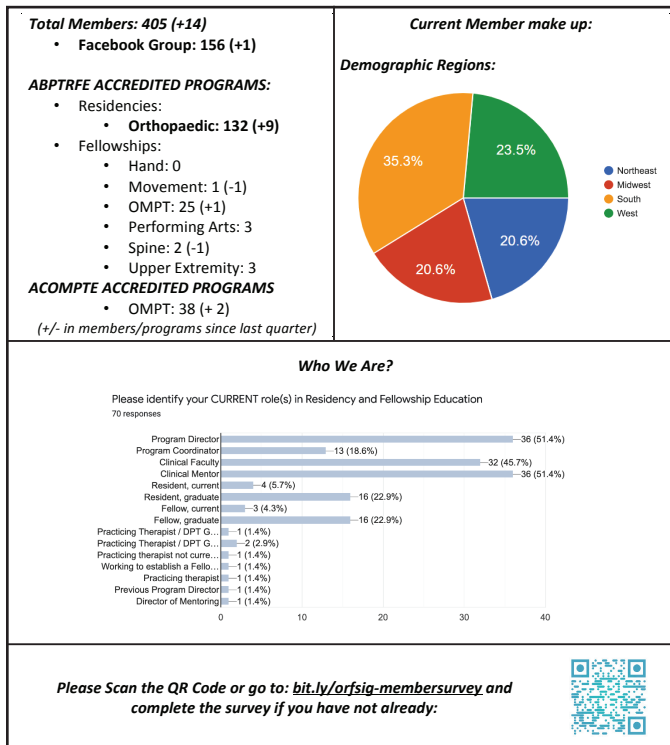


ORF-SIG Dashboard:



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ORF-SIG Members,

We have a lot of exciting projects going on within the ORF-SIG. We currently have 2 main areas of focus: (1) Sustainability of residency and fellowship programs and (2) Using alternative teaching tools to ease the burden on post-graduate educators by mentoring and educating smarter not harder.

To tackle sustainability, we have developed a task force to look at the rationale for the decreased volume of applicants across the country. Some of the universal challenges include:

- high cost of living in certain regions,
- competing programs and losing applicants to other programs with earlier acceptance dates,
- student debt,
- cost of marketing and not gaining applicants from current marketing strategies, and/or
- ability to uniformly show value to employers for residency/fellowship trained clinicians.

Our action plan items to assist all of you with these issues, to open the dialogue and to tackle these challenges as a group include:

a. CSM programing for San Diego 2023 (register early to save your spot):

- 1 day Pre-conference:** Creating and Maintaining Competitive Residency/Fellowship Programs: Innovations for Curriculum Design, Mentoring, and Inter-Program Collaboration Session ID Number: 13940

ii. Education Session: Mentoring Smarter Not Harder Session ID Number: 14033

- Universal post-graduate survey:** We are finalizing a post-graduate survey combining many of our current surveys. The goal of having one consistent survey of our programs is that it will allow us to analyze the value of post-graduate training. We need to look beyond the OCS pass rate to show value to employers for other areas including leadership roles, patient outcomes, patient satisfaction, productivity, etc. Historically there has not been a way to track this information across all programs within the ORF-SIG. We hope a universal survey will help all programs to identify value. We will send this out to members once completed this fall.

- Marketing Strategies Webinar:** We are creating a webinar to share some strategies with program directors addressing marketing, gaining applicants, and to address the decline in applications – stay tuned, hoping to have this available by November 2022.

As we all know many hands make for light work so get involved with the ORF-SIG to continue to move this tradition forward. I can honestly say this group of directors/residents and fellows inspire me daily. If you would like to [Get Involved](#) within the SIG, make sure to reach out to malloyma@arcadia.edu. Thank you for all of the work you are each doing every day for your residents, fellows and our profession!

Molly Malloy
President, ORF-SIG

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Orthopaedic Residency and Fellowship SIG Infographic Development

Tyrees Marcy

The Orthopaedic Residency and Fellowship (ORF) SIG is developing a series of 4 infographics with the focus on residency and fellowship education using the main themes listed below with supportive research.

- What is Residency Education?
- What is Fellowship Education?
- How does Residency and Fellowship Education bring expert care close to home?
- What are the Barriers to Residency and Fellowship Education?

Please consider a creative contribution for visual appeal and impact using supportive research. The creators of the infographic selected or contributing the most to the final product will receive a \$250 cash prize and recognition from the ORF-SIG. All AOPT members, including student and post-professional members, are included in this invitation. Individuals or groups of individuals are encouraged to submit more than one type of infographic.

Details for submission

Target date for submission: October 6, 2022 to Tyrees Marcy at shatzert@yahoo.com

APPLICANT REGISTRY

Steve Kareha, Molly Malloy, Kirk Bentzen, Carrie Schwoerer

One big problem facing programs over the years is the ability to sustain consistent applicant bases despite using or not using RF-PTCAS. Our team had been working hard to collect interested applicants to attempt to steer them to open positions. We are brainstorming to revise this system to tackle the problem from the front end focusing on the following:

1. Raise awareness for our programs,
2. Steer qualified applicants to our programs, and
3. Address the problems of open positions throughout the country.

In the meantime, you can continue to use this link for an excess of applicants who you are open to sharing of their information. Specifically for those qualified applicants who are excellent candidates and have already been vetted but applied to a program that does not have any available spots. The program denying admission may then provide the applicant with a flyer explaining the database and providing them the option to participate. Member programs may access these qualified, vetted applicants as needed by contacting Steve Kareha (stephen.kareha@sluhn.org). Updates on the numbers of candidates in this list will be provided quarterly to the membership.

- a. Currently, everyone who was on this list has been admitted into a program.

Residency & Fellowship
Qualified Applicants



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PROGRAM RESIDENT/FELLOW/FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Caitlyn Lang, Kristine Neelon, Bob Schroedter

What is the Program Spotlight?

It is an ORF-SIG, member-only feature that allows one or more orthopaedic residency/fellowship programs to be Spotlighted within a given month to market themselves to prospective candidates and those seeking more information on post professional education in orthopaedics. Additionally, programs will also be spotlighting individual faculty and/or residents/fellows-in-training as good-will ambassadors of their respective programs.

What are the benefits of being Spotlighted?

Programs that are Spotlighted advance the exposure and interest in post professional orthopaedic physical therapy programs across the country, thus bolstering their program's sustainability. Furthermore, by providing important, decision-making details about their program a prospective candidate can make a better-informed decision about what program may be a good fit for them.

Who is eligible to apply?

Program coordinators or program directors may apply for their program as long as they meet the following pre-application cri-

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- The program must be ABPTRFE or ACOMPTE accredited or in Candidate status.
- The Program Director or Coordinator must be a member of the AOPT and ORF-SIG.
- The Program Director or Coordinator must be certified as a specialization in Orthopaedics.

Please visit: <https://www.orthopt.org/content/special-interest-groups/residency-fellowship/orf-sig-program-spotlight/spotlight-program-faqs>

ABPTRFE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS DOCUMENTS

Recently, the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE) released updates to their Policies and Procedures including some changes to the Primary Health conditions and Covid-19 accreditation recommendations. The ORF-SIG was able to work with the Chair of ABPTRFE, Mark Weber, and the Lead Accreditation Specialist, Linda Csiza. Together, they provided some further elaboration on several Frequently Asked Questions. Check out these documents here:

- Policy 13.5 Addition of Practice Sites FAQ
- Primary Health Conditions / Medical Conditions List FAQ
- CoVid-19 Temporary Guidance FAQ
- Program Sustainability: Applicant Sharing and Recruitment FAQ



RF-PTCAS

Kirk Bentzen, Steve Kareha, Megan Frazee, Carrie Schwoerer, Christina Gomez

If you are a newer program or need a refresher on some of the nuances of the processes and timelines, please review the following podcast: *Navigating RFPTCAS*, which can be found at: <https://musc.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Embed.aspx?id=0841c14e-a3f7-4196-b654-acd90169c9e2>. Presenters of this podcast included Ryan Bannister, Director-Centralized Application Services and Student Recruitment and Orthopaedic Residency and Fellowship SIG leadership, including Kirk Bentzen, Christina Gomez, and Steve Kareha.

Please contact Carrie Schwoerer (cschwoerer@uwhealth.org) with questions.



OTHER KEY RESOURCES

ABPTRFE Updates: Community HUB

Don't miss out on the latest ABPTRFE Updates from Kendra Harrington:

- [Updates to ABPTRFE Processes and Procedures](#)
- [What Sites Should, and Should Not, Be Included on the Participant Practice Sites?](#)
- [ABPTRFE Recent Actions](#)
- [July 1 Policy Reminder](#)



ACOMPTE Website and Resources

Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy Fellowship programs find ACOMPTE Information here:



APTE RF-SIG Resources

Christina Gomez
aptaeducation.org/special-interest-group/RFESIG/

You can also find more great information from the Academy of Education's Residency and Fellowship SIG (RFESIG). Here you will find a variety of Podcasts they have completed for Residency and Program Directors. Please make sure to check these out as well as the Think Tank resources.

- Virtual Site Visit
- RF-PTCAS Reminders



Take advantage of our member-only communication forums to share and develop ideas.

ORF-SIG Facebook group



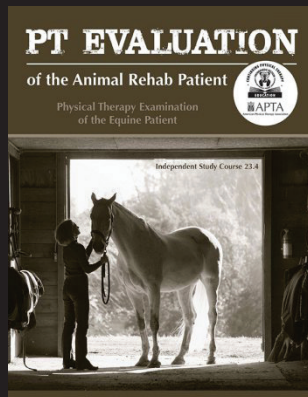
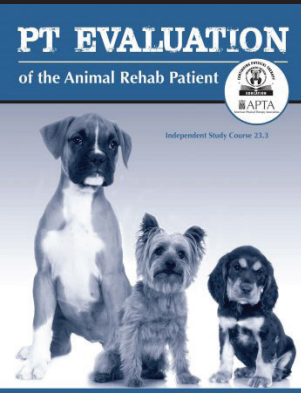
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RESIDENCY

AOPT Residency Curriculum

The Academy of Orthopaedic

Physical Therapy offers a didactic curriculum package including regularly-updated and expanded learning modules with learning objectives.

The residency/fellowship curriculum package and individual courses are available to resident's fellows and directors currently in accredited, candidacy or developing residency or fellowship programs in orthopaedic physical therapy and/or a related fellowship field.

Learn how the program works here:
<https://www.orthopt.org/content/education/residency-curriculum/full-curriculum-package>

The curriculum was designed to create or supplement the foundation for your residency program, and is available in two different options:

Full curriculum package:

<https://www.orthopt.org/content/education/residency-curriculum/full-curriculum-package>

Individual course package:

<https://www.orthopt.org/content/education/residency-curriculum/individual-course-option>