

National Consortium of Clinical Educators – Approved June 2013
A consortium of the Academic Council of Physical Therapy

Academic Council of APTA

Preamble

A consortium is comprised of individuals affiliated with institutional members of the Academic Council who share common interests based upon their program affiliation. Examples of consortia consist of, but are not limited to, Directors of Clinical Education and Clinical Faculty, individual members from like institutions (based on Carnegie classification, public or private institution, etc.), shared geographical location, similar curricular models, etc. The role of the consortium is to provide a forum for institutional members of the physical therapist education community to gather and disseminate information relative to a specific area of shared interest and to have a line of communication within the Academic Council (AC), particularly with the Board of Directors (BoD). Because a consortium consists of institutional members of the Academic Council with a voting representative, a consortium will not hold voting privileges within the AC.

An application for the formation of the National Consortium of Clinical Educators (NCCE) was submitted to the Academic Council on April 13th. This application was reviewed and the Board was uniformly enthusiastic about this proposed consortium and supportive of it becoming a reality. Based on this review, a few edits were made and the revised application submitted on May 30th and approved in June. The application describing the NCCE was created by the CESIG leadership team with input from DCEs representing clinical education consortia, clinical educators, and members of the Academic Council.

The NCCE is a new organization within the Academic Council. Formation of the NCCE does not replace any other organization within the APTA or any local or regional clinical education consortium/forum.

Within the organizational structure of the Academic Council, formation of the NCCE affords a means for academic and clinical educators who are affiliated with institutional members of the Academic Council to discuss common interests related to clinical education. The NCCE will have have a designated liaison to the Academic Council Board of Directors (ACBoD).

The application that describes the organizational structure for the NCCE is included below. When approved by the ACBoD, such notice will be posted to the APTA Clinical Education Community. All clinical educators are invited to join this Community and actively participate in the exchange of information posted to this share point.

APPLICATION FOR THE FORMATION OF A CONSORTIUM
Academic Council of the APTA
April 2013 (revised 5/29/13)

General Information

1. Name of proposed consortium:
National Consortium of Clinical Educators (NCCE)
2. Membership: APTA members who are employed by member institutions or are a clinical education affiliate with a member institution.
 - a. Who will this consortium represent?
Clinical Education Faculty (academic and clinical) affiliated with entry-level Programs that are institutional members: Directors of Clinical Education (DCE), Academic Coordinators of Clinical Education (ACCEs), Clinical Faculty (Center Coordinators of Clinical Education (CCCE) and Clinical Instructors (CI)), Clinical Education Coordinators (CEC), and Clinical Administrators/Managers (CAM)
3. What is the estimated number of institutional members?
The makeup of this consortium will be open to clinical education faculty. Each member institution will support the participation of at least one academic and one clinical faculty member directly involved with the institution's clinical education program. Individuals may represent clinical education consortia/forums when they meet the criteria for membership.
4. Purpose of the proposed consortium:
The National Consortium of Clinical Educators shall represent academic and clinical educators and serve as a resource and forum for individuals who have professional interest and responsibilities for the implementation and evaluation of clinical education for physical therapists.
5. Objectives of the proposed consortium:
Support the Mission of the Council to promote excellence in physical therapy education by:
 - A. Providing a mechanism for engaging academic and clinical educators, in representative numbers, to address matters related to integration of clinical education into academic physical therapy. (Cultural Transformation)
 - B. Strengthening partnerships among academic and clinical communities to implement strategies for achieving excellence in academic physical therapy. (Excellence)
 - C. Communicating with the Academic Council about issues related to clinical education. (Integrated Community)
 - D. Promoting cooperative efforts among academic programs and the clinical practice communities that support clinical education.
 - G. Dissemination of information related to initiatives of the Council that impact physical therapy clinical education.

6. Meetings:
 - a. When will the Consortium meet, e.g. CSM, ELC, separate time? The NCCE will convene at least once annually at ELC in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Academic Council and, when possible, during CSM.
 - b. How will the Consortium meet, e.g. teleconference, Web-based, in-person. The consortium will meet in person on at least one occasion annually and electronically by other means as needed.

Governance and Leadership

7. A Consortium must have at least a Chairperson and a Secretary. Will this Consortium have any additional leadership or governance structures?
Yes.
 - a. What will be the leadership structure (e.g., board of directors, additional officers, etc.)? This consortium will have a Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary and nine Directors-at-Large who represent academic and clinical communities.
8. All Consortium participants must be affiliated with an institutional member of the Academic Council. Will there be any other qualifications to hold office in the Consortium?
Yes.
 - a. What is/are those qualification(s)? They must have responsibilities consistent with those required for membership in the Consortium i.e., DCE, ACCE, CCCE, CI, CEC, or CAM
9. What would be the terms of office for the Offices within the Consortium?
Elected officers will serve two-year terms or until the election of their successors yet not to exceed 6 consecutive years. Election of officers will be staggered.
10. A Consortium must have a designated liaison to the ACBoD. If that liaison will be someone other than the Chairperson, who will that Liaison be and how will they be designated?
The designated liaison will be the Chairperson or their designee unless otherwise determined by the NCCE leadership team.

Academic Council-Consortium Relationship and Support

11. Dues: At this time, Consortium may not charge dues. Does the Consortium anticipate charging dues in the future?
Not at this time
12. What support does the Consortium anticipate needing from the AC for it to be successful?
 - Dedicated meeting space when the consortium convenes, at least once annually at ELC, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Academic Council.
 - Formal line of communication to the Academic Council.
 - Website links to access information/activities of the Academic Council that affect academic and clinical education curriculum, teleconference call access, web-based conference access.