

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Consortium Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the DEI Consortium?

Academic physical therapists affiliated with entry-level physical therapy programs who are institutional members of the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy (ACAPT) and have an interest in diversity, equity, and inclusion. DEI Consortium members are provided a forum in which to examine biases, assumptions, and world views to nurture a progressive community that will promote the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the pursuit of excellence for the education and profession of physical therapy.

How are we organized?

The DEI Consortium focuses on serving as a voice for the physical therapy community on issues concerning diversity, equity, and inclusion through a commitment to our stakeholders in order to improve the health and well-being of diverse populations, communities, and individuals.

What is the communication structure?

Currently all inquiries should be forwarded to the Chair of the DEI Consortium.

Do I have to be a member to attend DEI Consortium meetings?

No. General meetings are open to everyone, but to have voting rights or run for office, you must be a member of the consortium. Business meetings are currently held during the Educational Leadership Conference (ELC).

What are the benefits of membership?

Being a part of the DEI Consortium gives you more opportunities to collaborate/ network with other physical therapists across the country who have a mutual interest in promoting the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion in physical therapy. As a DEI member, you will receive regular communications on national and regional DEI topics. You will also have opportunities to participate on taskforces and workgroups. Members can influence the sustainability of DEI in physical therapy education and clinical practice.

What are the rights and privileges to membership?

Members have a vote during business meetings. They are asked to attend the annual DEI Consortium Business Meeting which occurs at ELC each fall.

What is the cost of membership?

There is no cost to be a DEI Consortium member. However, all members are required to be affiliated with a current dues paying Institution Member of ACAPT.

How do I become a member?

Log onto <https://www.acapt.org/about/our-leadership/consortium/diversity-equity-and-inclusion> and follow the prompts to join the DEI Consortium. If your institution is not a member of ACAPT, you are welcome to attend all meetings and gatherings of the DEI Consortium, but you will not the right and privilege of voting.