

# Students! Come Explore the World of Pediatric Physical Therapy



Join the Section on Pediatrics for the student rate of \$20, and take advantage of these great benefits of section membership:

- Opportunities to become involved in our network of volunteers
- Free membership in any of our 6 special-interest groups (Adolescents & Adults With Developmental Disabilities, Early Intervention, Hospital-Based, Pediatric Sports-Fitness, School-Based, and Neonatology)
- Mailed, online, and podcast access to *Pediatric Physical Therapy*, the Section's quarterly peer-reviewed international journal
- Twice annual print newsletter and monthly electronic newsletter
- Student grants to help fund attendance at APTA's Combined Sections Meeting, APTA's Federal Government Affairs Forum, and the Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference (SoPAC)
- Scholarships to support pediatric specialization
- Section grants to support clinical research
- A Minority Recruitment Grant to award the cost of APTA, chapter, and Section dues to applicants from racial/ethnic minority groups who are current students or recent graduates
- Dissertation and Student Clinical Research awards to honor outstanding student research
- Continuing education opportunities with student member discounts
- An Online Community, where members can ask questions, share knowledge, and discuss ideas
- "Members only" areas of the section Web site, including a Student Page and a variety of fact sheets that address areas of pediatric practice
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

## How Can Students Get Involved?

Visit the Section Web site and click on **Volunteer Opportunities** under **Quick Links** on the home page. Students also are invited to attend the Section Breakfast and Section Business Meeting at APTA's Combined Sections Meeting. Students are encouraged to attend the Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference (SoPAC), and other continuing education courses to learn more about pediatric physical therapy.



## About APTA's Section on Pediatrics

The Section on Pediatrics of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) promotes the highest quality of life for all children, people with developmental disabilities, and their families. The section represents the field of pediatric physical therapy and supports its members as practitioners of choice for children (birth to 21 years) with or at risk for movement dysfunction.

Our nearly 5,000 members work tirelessly to enhance the abilities and lives of the children and families we work alongside each day. These clients receive physical therapy services in a variety of settings, including homes, schools, daycares, outpatient centers, acute care, and rehabilitation hospitals.

The Section on Pediatrics is committed to furthering our knowledge to better serve the children in our communities and hosts a variety of continuing education courses, including the Section on Pediatrics Annual Conference (SoPAC). SoPAC brings together pediatric therapists from across the country and around the globe to network, share ideas, and advance our area of practice.

The field is growing rapidly with advances in health care and in our knowledge of childhood development. Join us for exciting adventures in teaching, learning, and exploring, and make a difference to the children we serve!