

What is The APTA

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The American Physical Therapy Association

The APTA is the official association for Physical therapists in the US. It is a nonprofit organization that represent Physical Therapists, Physical Therapy Assistants, and Students. The APTA was founded in 1921 by Mary McMillan, and was originally called the American Women's Physical Therapy Therapeutic Association. There are many subsections in the APTA and they all do important work to support PTs, PTA's, and Students!

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Some Sections of the APTA

Please click on each tab to explore detailed information about the respective sections of the APTA.

* **CAPTE**
[Commission on Accreditation in
Physical Therapy Education](#)

* **ACAPT**
[American Council of Academic
Physical Therapy](#)

* **AMPTRFE**
[American Board of Physical Therapy
Residency and Fellowship Education](#)

* **PTPAC**
[Physical Therapy Political Action
Committee](#)

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DEI In The APTA

The APTA is [committed to increasing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#) in the association, profession, and society. The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) across the physical therapy profession and within the association itself. This ongoing effort is a collaborative endeavor involving both organizations and individuals [dedicated to fostering a more inclusive and equitable environment](#).

In July 2023, APTA unveiled its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan, which outlines strategic initiatives across three primary areas: allyship and advocacy, leadership and growth, and conscious inclusion. These initiatives aim to cultivate a culture of belonging and ensure that the profession reflects the diverse communities it serves.

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NABPT National Association of Black Physical Therapists

This organization was [founded to address the emotions and feelings of the lone minorities embarking on a journey to become physical therapists](#) and physical therapist assistants. As founders of the organization, we are establishing this organization to reach out into the African diaspora to address the issue of increasing diversity in both PT educational programs and increasing representation in our profession as a whole.

Latest DEI News

On July 20, 2024, There was an APTA Women's Leadership Summit in Kansas City. This event was structured to help others connect and learn from a diverse community of peers and experts. [Click here to learn more!](#)

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