

## Section on Geriatrics (SoG) Job Description

**Our Mission: To further our members' ability to advocate for optimal aging and to provide best practice physical therapy.**

**Position Title:** Member, Advanced Clinical Practice Committee

**Responsible To:** Committee Chair: Greg Hartley

**Committee Purpose:** To promote advance practice activities to PT and PTAs including but not limited to assisting those therapists/therapists assistants pursuing geriatric certification, advanced clinical proficiency recognition, pursuing or developing clinical residency programs, and/or pursuing any other advance education related to the aging adult.

**Program Goal(s):**

- To develop a model curriculum for post-graduate residency education in geriatric physical therapy and to make this available to members
- To promote the Section's grant for funding residency applications for APTA credentialing
- To develop and update a reference list that is at least 2/3 primary sources and make this available on the Section's website.
- Develop and regularly update (at least once per year) helpful guidelines on how to obtain GCS certification/recertification
- Publish on the list serve courses on the older adult that are offered by the Section, APTA or any state PT Association that will assist the therapist/therapy assistant in advancing their clinical skills

**Benefits To You:**

- Become familiar with every resource available to members through the Section on Geriatrics, and become more familiar with APTA resources.
- Use your creativity to offer outstanding resources to PTs and PTAs.
- Form and lead a committee to organize and assist with duties.
- Participate as a committee member volunteer of the Section on Geriatrics throughout the year, with opportunities to get involved in other positions.
- Make lasting contacts and friendships with outstanding PTs and PTAs who have an interest in geriatrics from all over the US.

**Responsibilities (You may recruit committee members, delegate tasks, and oversee their progress, as opposed to completing all items yourself):**

- A. Work as a team with the rest of the committee on the development of a model residency curriculum.
- B. Undertake at least one personal project each year, as agreed upon with committee chair. The following are examples of tasks that may be required, but you are also invited to propose your own ideas.
  1. Organize a Section educational course on topics related to Board certification in geriatrics and Advanced Clinical Proficiency as it related to geriatrics (website, conferences, CE Courses, GeriNotes articles, conference calls).
  2. Lead a study group for the GCS exam, and write a list of suggested activities for GCS study groups that can be shared with others.

3. Update a reference material already created by the committee (talk to Chair about what needs updating). This may be done by a small team of committee members.
  4. Mentor a facility that is creating a residency program in geriatrics, and help them apply for the Section's grant for residency credentialing.
  5. Write two columns, news items, and/or announcements for *GeriNotes* related to committee activities. Ex: interview a GCS about the preparing for the exam and what being a GCS has meant for their practice, announce the deadline for the clinical residency/fellowship grant, write a case study or article meant to help people prepare for some aspect of the exam, write an article about the process for setting up a clinical residency, etc: whatever you think may be useful to Section members.
- C. Provide updates to the committee chair as required/requested.

**Qualifications:**

Must be a member of the Section on Geriatrics.

Must maintain a working e-mail address in APTA's database.

Must be able to respond to queries sent via e-mail or phone within one week.

**Training and Guidance:** The Section Executive will provide an orientation packet, and the committee chair will have at least one orientation call with you to discuss the orientation packet, committee activities, and your "personal project." Support is also readily available from the Board of Directors, and APTA's Professional Development Office.

**Commitment:** 3 year term, estimated 4-6 hours per month.

**I have read and understood my responsibilities according to this job description.**

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Volunteer- Member, Advanced Clinical Practice Committee

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