

Specialist certification is a form of professional development that is advocated by the APTA Vision Statement for Physical Therapy 2020. The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of different types of specialty certification available to physical therapists and the opportunities that specialty certification may create. A panel of certified specialists will discuss opportunities that they attribute to their specialty certification. These professional opportunities include: work with APTA sections and the Specialization Academy of Content Experts, advocacy, clinical faculty positions, residency program directorship, invited presentations, networking, interdisciplinary task forces, and clinical practice.

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this program, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss how specialty certification is a form of professional development.
2. Identify different specialty certifications available to physical therapists.
3. Discuss the process of obtaining specialty certification and the perceived barriers.
4. Discuss the plethora of opportunities that specialty certification may create.

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