Dear Center Coordinator of Clinical Education:

The Creighton University Physical Therapy Clinical Education team is excited to plan for our clinical education experiences for calendar year 2017. We are sending our request at this time to comply with the APTA Education Section request for a uniform mailing date (between March 1st and 15th) for all schools. The attached form indicates the length and timing of the experiences in relationship to our 8-semester program.

We hope you will be able to offer slots for our students for **any or all** of the clinical experiences for 2017. For your convenience we are sending this to you via mail and electronically. You can also access the reply form on our website: [http://spahp2.creighton.edu/offices/ptclinicaleducation/Home.aspx](http://spahp2.creighton.edu/offices/ptclinicaleducation/Home.aspx). We know your time is valuable and limited. Please return the form to Becky Crowell at RebeccaCrowell@creighton.edu or fax at 402-280-5692 by March 15th. We will begin our selections for the Class of 2017 at the end of March, the Class of 2018 during the first part of April, and the Class of 2019 when they arrive in August/September. We will confirm placements for the matches that occur this spring for you by early May.

Students find your Clinical Site Information Form (CSIF) valuable when selecting sites. We utilize CSIF Web which is an online repository for CSIFs. If you have not already done so we ask that you log on to [https://cpi2.amsapps.com](https://cpi2.amsapps.com) to create an electronic CSIF which you can revise and edit at any time. This service is free for you. We have included APTA CSIF Web Instructions for CCCEs to assist you with this process.

We would like to take this opportunity to update you about the programs and benefits that we extend to you as a clinical education site. The Department of Physical Therapy at Creighton University is committed to the ongoing development of our clinical instructors. Lisa Black, Kelly Nelson and Karen Paschal are certified trainers for the APTA Clinical Instructor Education and Credentialing program. Karen Paschal is also a certified trainer for the APTA Advanced Clinical Instructor Education and Credentialing program. The basic Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program is offered to physical therapists, physical therapist assistants and other licensed healthcare providers. This program is 15 contact hours in length (1.5 CEUs) and includes an interactive course format and assessment center. The Advanced Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program is offered to physical therapists that are APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructors and have supervised and mentored at least one student. This course includes pre-course assignments, advanced interactive clinical instructor education and assessment of curricula outcomes. This program is 16.75 contact hours (1.675 CEUs). If your site is interested in hosting a Basic or Advanced course please contact Becky Crowell at 402-280-5646 or RebeccaCrowell@creighton.edu or one of the Instructors.

Another benefit to you as a clinical site is onsite access to our Health Sciences Library. Every site that is matched with a student for any of our clinical experiences in 2017 will have access to the library for 2017. The Health Sciences Library offers an outstanding collection of e-books, e-journals,
and multimedia resources as well as a working print collection. If you are taking a student in 2017 we will notify you in December 2016 on how to register.

We are committed to the ongoing evaluation of our entry-level program. We hope you feel that Creighton PT students are well-prepared and eager to engage in clinical learning and practice at your site. Please feel free to provide us with feedback on ways that we can improve and better prepare students to enter our profession.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me by telephone (402/280-5638) or e-mail (lisablack@creighton.edu). You are also welcome to visit our website at: http://spahp2.creighton.edu/offices/ptclinicaleducation/Home.aspx. Thank you for your continued interest in our program and your commitment to clinical education.

Sincerely,

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