



Educational Session

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“Is Section or SSIG Membership for You? What They Offer the Student and New Graduate”

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A panel of currently active student special interest groups (SSIGs) and several state-level SSIGs will discuss the value and benefits of being a member of a section and/or state SSIG. The 2018–2019 APTA Student Assembly president will offer insights into how successful SSIGs are organized. The panel of students and recent graduates will offer a broader look into how someone can be active in APTA— at the national level within sections/academies or on the state level. The panel will discuss how their involvement in SSIGs assisted them in professional and personal development, building networking skills, and maximizing the benefits of student APTA membership. Recent graduates on the panel will discuss how they transitioned from SSIG involvement to section/academy or state-level involvement after graduation. Last, the panel will discuss how students can go about forming a student special interest group of their own.