**The Karen O’Loughlin Clinical Instructor Credentialing Award (KOLCICA)**

**Purpose of Award:** This award has been created to honor Karen O’Loughlin, PT, DPT, MA, one of the founding members of the consortium, and an integral part of the “Train the Trainers” program. The award promotes the ongoing development and mentorship of clinical instructors in the Ohio-Kentucky region, which Dr. O’Loughlin is so passionate about. It is the intent of the award that clinical instructors of varying experience levels may be recognized with this award, as life-long learning is an essential component to being an exceptional clinical instructor.

**Nomination criteria:** Award nominees must be licensed PT educators living and/or working in the Ohio-Kentucky area. They may be either novice or experienced clinical instructors, but they must be eligible to still complete either the APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP) or the Advanced Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program (ACCIP).

As determined by the nominating OKCPTP member institution, the nominee must also meet the following criteria:

1. Have demonstrated an interest in developing his/her clinical teaching skills
2. Show evidence of leadership in clinical education or the potential for becoming a future leader
3. Be a member of the American Physical Therapy Association

**Nomination & Selection procedures:**

1. Each year the Awards Committee will notify the programs eligible to make the recommendations of their responsibility to endorse a nominee for the award by January 15th.
2. Recommendations will follow a rotation schedule amongst the OH and KY programs with the names of 1 individual from KY and 4 individuals from OH programs brought forth each year.
3. The nominating DCE will fill out the 3 survey question for application and have the nominee fill out a paragraph of interest.
4. All recommendations will be due to the Awards Committee by February 1st.
5. Volunteers to review nominations of the proposed nominees (minimum of 3) will be solicited from the entire consortium by February 1st.
6. The volunteers will review all recommendations to ensure individuals meet the nominee criteria established for the award by February 15th each year.
7. The Awards Committee will announce the winners, four from Ohio and one from Kentucky, to the entire OKCPTP following the selection. The Awards Committee will also be responsible for the following:
   1. Notifying the individuals who are selected
   2. Notifying the OKCPTP Treasurer
   3. Notifying Dr. O’Loughlin in writing of the award recipients
   4. Submitting a brief award announcement to the Ohio & Kentucky Physical Therapy Associations for distribution via blast e-mail to the community
   5. Posting on the OKCPTP website.
8. Awardees will also be notified by February 15th each year.

**Distribution of the Award:** Individuals selected for the award will receive a certificate of recognition and reimbursement for up to $300 for completion of either the Level I or Level II APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP). Award recipients must attend the course up-front and may then submit their registration and/or travel receipts to the OKCPTP Treasurer for reimbursement within 1 year. If there is a need for the recipient to delay beyond 1 year due to unforeseen circumstances, they must contact the Consortium to request an extension.