**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 to promote 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. Mentoring and Service Group will open **online nominations for the award January 15th.** All member institutions in the OKCPTP are eligible to nominate one individual for the award each year. The online nomination form will include the following: name of nominee, region (Ohio or Kentucky), and a brief rationale for the nomination describing how the nominee meets the above criteria. **Online nominations will close by February 15th each year.**
2. Volunteers to review nominations will be solicited from the entire consortium. This representative group will review the collated online nominations from the Mentorship and Service group**. They will provide their selections to the Mentorship and Service group by no later than March 15th. As nominations allow for it, the group will attempt to select one clinician from Kentucky and one from Ohio.**
3. The Mentorship and Service group will announce the winners, one from Ohio and one from Kentucky, to the entire OKCPTP following the selection. The Mentoring and Service group 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.

**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.