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# ACHIEVING EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE AND DIVERSE PHYSICAL THERAPY EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA

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# COURSE DESCRIPTION

More equitable access to physical therapy starts with education programs because DPT and PTA programs are where the future of physical therapy is created. This webinar will address how to achieve more equitable and inclusive programs regardless of their stage of development. We will address the imperative to change based on the program's environment and mission, how systems and structures can be changed to create opportunity, and then how to sustain the advances for more equitable learning environments. We will hear from three experienced educators on why and how their initiative to create more equitable, inclusive, and diverse programs started, what they are doing to sustain those efforts, and what they want to do in the future. The webinar will include time for audience participation, including the opportunity to hear student voices.

## RECORDING

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