

OPTA STUDENT VOLUNTEER CHALLENGE

The Ohio Physical Therapy Association (OPTA) Student Special Interest Group (SSIG) is hosting our Fourth Annual **Volunteer Challenge** to increase SPT and SPTA community service efforts. As healthcare professionals, we have a duty to get involved and give back to our local communities. We invite all 32 PT and PTA programs to register for the statewide Challenge today!

When does the Challenge start?

Programs can register and log community service hours from October 1, 2018—March 10, 2019.



Who is eligible?

All 32 Ohio PT and PTA programs are eligible to participate in the Volunteer Challenge!

To see the list of all participating programs, go to: www.ohiopt.org/volunteerchallenge

How to Register + Log Your Hours:

1. Designate a student to be the Volunteer Rep, or primary point of contact, for your PT or PTA program.
2. Register your program by submitting your information [here](#):
 - Name of Program
 - Program Director Name + Contact Info
 - Volunteer Rep Student Name + Contact Info
3. The SSIG Activities Coordinator will confirm receipt, and then YOU'RE READY TO GO!
4. To submit hours for your PT/PTA program, after each event, the Volunteer Rep should complete the google form sent to each school during registration confirmation:
 - Name of program
 - Number of volunteer hours
 - Number of students who volunteered
 - Organization that you volunteered with and contact info (will validate hours)
 - Photos (*optional, but highly encouraged!*)

What type of volunteer hours count?

All hours for volunteer activities on behalf of the PT or PTA program will count in the Challenge. Please abide by the following:

1. Program must be registered ***before*** hours can be logged.
2. All volunteer hours must be completed by students within that program between October 1, 2018—March 10, 2019.
3. Volunteer hours ***CANNOT*** be related to clinical experiences or internships.
4. You ***CANNOT*** receive course credit related to the hours (i.e service learning course, mandatory for a class.)
5. Fundraising activities that benefit the PT/PTA program/students ***CANNOT*** be counted.

How are hours calculated?

$$\begin{array}{l} \# \text{ of hours} \\ \text{volunteered} \\ \text{per event} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{l} \# \text{ of students} \\ \text{from the program} \\ \text{volunteering} \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \text{Total \#} \\ \text{of Hours} \end{array}$$

****Hours MUST be submitted by the designated Volunteer Rep to count towards the program total.**

What is the prize?



In addition to bragging rights and a strong sense of pride, the top PT and PTA programs with the most logged volunteer hours at the end of the Challenge will be recognized at Transform: OPTA's Annual Conference in April 2019. In addition, OPTA will donate \$250 to the charity of choice of the top