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Dear Center Coordinator of Clinical Education:

The Trine University Physical Therapy Clinical Education team is planning for the clinical education experiences for calendar year 2017. We are sending our request at this time to comply with the APTA Education Section request for a uniform mailing date (between March 1st and 15th) for all schools. We hope the uniform mailing date will meet your needs as a clinical site and enable you to plan more efficiently. The attached form indicates the length and timing of the experiences in relationship to our 8-semester program. We have also included a copy of the curriculum which allows you to see where each of the experiences falls within the program of study.

We hope you will be able to offer slots for our students for **any or all** of the clinical experiences for 2017. A reply form with the specific dates for the experiences is attached. You may also access the form and a copy of this letter electronically on our website: <http://www.trine.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/graduate/doctor-of-physical-therapy/clinical-education.aspx>. Please complete and return it via email or fax by April 15th. We begin our selections for the 2017 calendar year in early May. We will contact you in early May after our matches to confirm the placements at your site.

It is necessary for us to maintain a Clinical Site Information Form (CSIF) on file for each affiliated site. Students find these forms provide a valuable orientation to the clinical experience. The form is available on the Trine Clinical education website: http://www.trine.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/graduate/doctor-of-physical-therapy/CSIF_Form_1-23-15.pdf. Please send us an updated CSIF for 2016 if you have not already done so recently. If you have completed the CSIF for CPI web you can simply make a pdf copy of that. Please email the updated CSIF or any questions to dptclined@trine.edu or beran-sheplerk@trine.edu.

We are committed to the ongoing evaluation of our entry-level program. We hope you feel that Trine PT students are well-prepared and eager to engage in clinical learning and practice at your site. Please feel free to provide us with feedback on ways that we can improve and better prepare students to enter our profession.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me by telephone (260-203-2916) or e-mail (beran-sheplerk@trine.edu). You are also welcome to visit our website at: <http://www.trine.edu/dpt>. Thank you for your continued interest in our program and commitment to clinical education.

Sincerely,

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