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SIGNE BRUNNSTROM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL TEACHING



BRIDGIT A FINLEY, PT, DPT, M.ED, OCS

Bridgit A Finley, PT, DPT, M.Ed, OCS, motivates students at all levels to exceed their own expectations and function as independent learners in the clinic. Working closely with 15 academic programs, Dr Finley aims to synchronize students' clinical and didactic experiences to provide as seamless an approach as possible. She challenges students to achieve their full potential.

Dr Finley is president of Physical Therapy Central in Norman, OK, with five satellite clinics in rural areas in western Oklahoma specializing in manual therapy, spinal dysfunctions, total joint replacement, and clinical education. Concurrently, she is a guest lecturer for the University of Oklahoma, responsible for teaching muscle energy techniques of the lumbar spine. She is the clinical coordinator at Physical Therapy Central, where she supervises students, mentors, and schedules clinical education. Adept at diagnosing students' learning needs, Dr Finley is known as an instructor who works just as effectively with struggling students as with students who easily excel.

Dr Finley earned a BS and MEd in education from Baylor University, an AA in business administration from McLennan Community College, a BS in physical therapy from the University of Oklahoma, and her DPT from AT Still University's Arizona School of Health Sciences. At this time, she is completing a certification in manual therapy.

Active in APTA and the Oklahoma Chapter since 1994, Dr Finley is also enrolled with Evidence in Motion's Executive Management Program. Her skill as an educator has been recognized regionally and nationally, most recently by Texas Woman's University with its Clinical Instructor Award (2003) and the Central ACCE Consortium Award for Excellence in Clinical Education (2001).

APTA is pleased to recognize Dr Finley's excellence in clinical teaching with the Signe Brunström Award.

