

Candidate Information

UP District Chair

Jessica Chouinard, PT, DPT

Jessica earned her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Central Michigan University in 2009. She started her career in Manitowoc, Wisconsin as an inpatient and home health care PT. Three years later, she returned to her hometown of Escanaba, Michigan and found a passion for outpatient orthopedics at OSF HealthCare. Jessica currently works as the Quality and Education Coordinator for the Northern Region within OSF, which includes developing education opportunities for employees, serving as an expert in the areas of documentation and coding, leading projects to promote best practice, and collaborating with colleagues to support approximately 600 therapists across the entire Ministry. Jessica and her husband, Mark, live in Escanaba with their three children: Amelia (9), Jonah (7), and Hope (1 ½). Outside of work, Jessica enjoys reading, being outdoors, spending time with her family, and playing the violin.

Candidate Statement:

I am excited to submit my candidacy for UP District Chair. With my work experience, I feel confident in supporting Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants in Michigan in coordinating district activities, including education opportunities. Having worked in multiple patient care environments including inpatient, home care, and outpatient, and working virtually with colleagues in Illinois for 5 years, I also feel strong in my teamwork and communication skills. In this position, I hope to provide a sense of community among PTs/PTAs within the UP District, support increased involvement in APTA Michigan, and personally be an advocate for our profession.