To: Accredited PTAP Programs, Applicant PTAP Program, and Interested Programs

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Re: Faculty and Clinical Learning Environment Definitions

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The Commission on Accreditation in Practice Transition Programs (COA-PTP) has voted to define faculty and clinical learning environments in the 2020 Practice Transitions Accreditation Program® Application Manual

**Faculty** - Professionals with an area of expertise in the clinical learning environment who participate in educating members of the interprofessional team.

**Clinical learning environments (CLE)** - Are the settings in which health care professionals are enculturated to provide high-quality, safe, and efficient patient care. “It is much more than a set of places and resources; it includes the people, their values, and the sense of dedication to team and community.” (p11)


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