



ATU's Salzman Receives Award from the American Physical Therapy Association

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PLYMOUTH, Minn. – Andrea Salzman, MS, PT, Director of Programming at Aquatic Therapy University, has received the [American Physical Therapy Association \(APTA\) 2010 Judy Cirullo Award for Leadership](#).

She was honored at an awards ceremony at the 2010 Combined Sections Meeting, APTA's conference and exhibition, held in San Diego in February.

Salzman is Founder of the [Aquatic Resources Network](#), a multidisciplinary network for aquatic therapists which has serviced over 19,000 clinicians over 16 years. She created [Aquaticnet.com](#), known as the Aquatic Therapy Command Center, so therapists across the globe could find a central clearinghouse of industry knowledge.

She also created the [Aquatic Health Research Database](#) (currently over 8,000 articles strong) and helped design the next generation in continuing education, [Aquatic Therapy University](#) (ATU). In 2010 alone, ATU will provide over 40 seminars across the world, all designed with the aquatic clinician in mind.

Salzman received her bachelor of science in Health and Sport Sciences from the University of Richmond and her master's degree in physical therapy from the University of Alabama.

The Judy Cirullo Leadership Award acknowledges an individual member who has made outstanding and enduring contributions to promote aquatic physical therapy. Past recipients include Aquatic PT Section presidents Judy Cirullo and David Morris.

Read [Salzman's acceptance speech](#).

About ATU

Aquatic Therapy University (ATU) offers open enrollment to aquatic clinicians year-round in 7 curriculum-based aquatic therapy tracks. These tracks are designed to guide students through a progressive series of evidence-based studies in a specific "major" field of training, such as musculoskeletal or pediatric studies. It takes a minimum of 70 hours to be awarded an ATU Certificate in any specialty track.

All ATU clinical courses are designed and taught by licensed therapists and physicians in small settings with maximal pool time to take advantage of therapists' kinesthetic learning styles.

ATU's main campus is centrally located in Minneapolis, MN. In 2010, ATU will host 12 main campus and 7 regional campus seminars to advance the cause of evidence-based aquatic healing, rehabilitation and wellness. In addition, ATU instructors are experts at designing customized trainings to meet the specific needs of therapists who wish to stay home and learn in their own facility's pool.

ATU Certificate Tracks:

Aquatic clinicians interested in pursuing mastery in aquatic therapy now have a plan. Clinicians can enroll in ATU's specialty tracks and have a 2-5 year educational plan in place. The available tracks include:

- Musculoskeletal
- Neurological
- Sports & Military
- Pediatric
- Geriatric
- Business
- General Studies

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