SPA Awards Committee

Award of Merit – Continuing Education in Rehabilitation Science (CERS)

Terms of Reference

2026 Version

PURPOSE: Awarded to a Saskatchewan Physical Therapist who has demonstrated extraordinary commitment of time, energy, and effort to promote continuing education for the physiotherapy profession.

HISTORY: Established in 2003 by the CERS program and SPA. Support for this award provided by the CERS program. The inaugural award was presented in 2004.

CRITERIA: Must be a member in good standing with the Saskatchewan College of Physical Therapists. Those physical therapists holding membership in CPA and SPA will be given preference.

In addition, one or more of the following will be taken into consideration:

- Has shown a history of pursuing continuing education within his/her physiotherapy career.
- Has been responsible for organizing or promoting continuing education.
- Has been a volunteer within the CERS program (committee member, on-site manager, etc.).
- Has been an instructor for continuing physical therapy education courses.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE: The CERS director makes nominations yearly.
Nominations must be submitted in written form and must include:

- Name and contact information of nominator.
- Name and contact information for nominee.
- Name and contact information of a seconder who would support the nomination.
- One letter of support, outlining how the individual meets the criteria as stated above.
- CV or resume of the nominee (optional).

Deadline for submissions: February 13, 2026

SELECTION OF RECIPIENT: Made by the SPA Awards Committee, in consultation with the CERS Program Coordinator. At the discretion of the Awards Committee and the SPA Board, more than one person per year may receive the award.

PRESENTATION: Annually – At the SPA Annual General Meeting. Award winners will be contacted by the committee prior to the AGM and invited to attend the awards presentation and make a brief response to the award received. A complimentary entry for the awards presentation will be provided to both the award nominator and the recipient.

FORM OF AWARD: Framed Certificate and $50 Value Prize