



Dr. Myla Claire Quiben honored with APTA national award



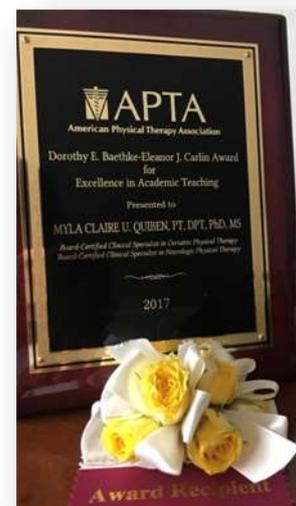
Dr. Myla Claire U. Quiben, PT, DPT, PhD, MS, received another award from the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). APTA honored Dr. Quiben with the *Dorothy Baethke-Eleanor J. Carlin Award for Excellence in Academic Teaching* during the Honors and Awards Ceremony of its 2017 NEXT Annual Conference and Exposition held on June 22 in Boston, Massachusetts. She is one of 55 physical therapists, PT assistants, and PT students this year to be recognized by the APTA's national awards program for outstanding contributions to the physical therapy profession. APTA has more than 100,000 members.

Dr. Quiben, an Associate Professor at the University North Texas Health Science Center and a CAMP alumna, was also recognized by APTA in March when one of its components, the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy (AGPT), awarded her with the *Joan M. Mills Award* for outstanding work in geriatric physical therapy.¹

The *Dorothy Baethke-Eleanor J. Carlin Award for Excellence in Academic Teaching* was established in 1981 to honor the work of two women: Dorothy E. Baethke, for her pioneering work in physical therapy and her contributions to the growth of APTA; Eleanor J. Carlin, for being a leader in high quality physical education.

The award "is for clinical or academic educators who have been actively engaged for a minimum of 5 years in entry and/or advanced levels of formal education for upcoming physical therapist professionals." Among its "Eligibility Requirements", the heaviest is this: "The nominee must have demonstrated the following: exceptional teaching effectiveness in the academic setting; a distinct expertise in at least 1 subject area to which the academic teaching has been directed; and, excellence as a role model for academic teaching for students, faculty, and clinicians."²

She certainly nailed it. The APTA cited Dr. Quiben for her "ability to simplify and explain complex concepts to learners; her clinical background in acute, outpatient, cardiac, and inpatient rehabilitation allows her to connect didactic information with clinical practice. She combines her knowledge of neuromuscular, cardiopulmonary, and genetic practice, and she has taught courses in motor control, anatomy, clinical medicine, and neurologic and cardiopulmonary physical therapy. Trained in simulation and interprofessional education, she embeds simulation experiences to bring out discussion about complex patients and multisystem impairments and to demonstrate the significance of interprofessional communication. A strong proponent of critical thinking and problem solving, she encourages a holistic approach in determining the cause of system-based impairments that limit functional movement."



Dr. Quiben is a BS Physical Therapy graduate of the College of Allied Medical Professions and served as one of the College's faculty from 1995-98. She took her postprofessional Doctor of Physical Therapy and Doctor of Philosophy in physical therapy from the University of Central Arkansas, and her MS in clinical investigation from the University of Texas in San Antonio. She is a dually board-certified clinical specialist in geriatric and neurological physical therapy from the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. Aside from teaching, she has an active clinical practice.

Dr. Quiben is a published author in several peer-reviewed journals as well as for a chapter in the 5th and 6th edition of the book, Neurological Rehabilitation.

Aside from the recent APTA awards, there were other honors she received over the years: Fellow, American Physical Therapy Association Education Leadership Institute (2016); Fellow, Texas Physical Therapy Association, Tom Waugh Leadership Program (Texas Physical Therapy Association, 2016); and, 2015 President's Award, Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy (APTA, 2015).

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1 Jemena, Fedelynn M. "Quiben, CAMP alumna, honored in America." Link: <http://www.upm.edu.ph/node/2031>

2 "The Dorothy Baethke-Eleanor J. Carlin Award for Excellence in Academic Teaching." Link:

<http://www.apta.org/HonorsAwards/Awards/AcademicTeaching/>

2 Branch, Alex. "A national award of excellence for physical therapist."

(<https://www.unthsc.edu/newsroom/story/national-award-excellence-physical-therapist/>)