

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Charlene Portee, PT, PhD, FAAPT

Dr. Portee is currently the Dean of the College of Health Sciences, Interim Director of the Physical Therapy Department, and a Tenured, Associate Professor in the Physical Therapy program at Alabama State University. She has served as the Founding Director of the Physical Therapist Assistant Programs at Chattahoochee and West Georgia Technical Colleges and as an Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy at North Georgia College and State University (now, North Georgia University), where she was the Director of Clinical Education. Dr. Portee was also the Director of Rehabilitation Services at Haralson Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and the President of the first black-owned independent physical therapy contract service in Georgia. Additionally, she was a Physical Therapy instructor at Georgia State University and a staff physical therapist at Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Portee completed her Ph.D. in Health Administration/Physical Therapy at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Therapy and her Master of Science Degree in Exercise Science from Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology from Fisk University in Nashville, TN. Dr. Portee's research areas have included cultural competence, health disparities, health promotion, professional behaviors, and women's health.

Dr. Portee has served the profession of Physical Therapy for nearly 40 years. She is a charter member and Fellow of the American Academy of Physical Therapy (AAPT). Dr. Portee served as a member of the AAPT's executive committee for over 30 years, including the office of President for nine years. A few of her other professional activities have included being a member of the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy for 14 years, including two terms as President and member of the Education Committee for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. She has served on various committees and in many leadership roles in the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). Dr. Portee was elected to the APTA's Nominating Committee and appointed to the APTA's Judicial Committee, and served as the Chair for each of those committees. She served on the Central Panel of the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, the APTA task force for the revision of the code of ethics documents, and she was a student member of the Advisory Council on Minority Affairs, which established the APTA's Minority Scholarship Fund and the Minority Scholarship Award for Academic Excellence. Dr. Portee was Vice President and Chapter Delegate for the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia (now, APTA-GA). She is a member of the Health Policy and Administration, Education, and Sports Sections of the APTA. Dr. Portee is also involved in multiple civic and public service activities, including Board member of the Georgia/International Partners of the Americas and an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.