



### Member Spotlight Information

<b>Name and credentials</b>	<b>Emily Hartsuiker, DPT</b>
<b>Practice setting</b>	<b>Private outpatient center with a pool and gym.</b>
<b>Where do you work?</b>	<b>Sports Spine and Industrial Physical therapy.</b>
<b>Describe your position of employment?</b>	<b>I would in as the main aquatic therapist in my facility and do about 18 hours of treatment in the pool, working mostly 1-1 with patients in the water with them. Additionally, I would with geriatric and orthopedic cases on land.</b>
<b>Years of experience in aquatic physical therapy?</b>	<b>3 years, Worked in Knoxville for 2 year then in Greer, SC for 2 years.</b>
<b>Current hometown</b>	<b>Greer, SC</b>
<b>What do you enjoy doing in your time off?</b>	<b>I love the outdoors and like to hike, bike with my children, and garden.</b>
<b>What started your interest in aquatic physical therapy?</b>	<b>Back when I was shadowing in physical therapy clinics, I got to observe an aquatic therapist and she loved her patients and helped so many people that thought they could not get better or had failed at therapy before. That was very inspiring to me and is what gave me the drive to become an aquatic physical therapist.</b>
<b>What do you enjoy most about aquatic physical therapy?</b>	<b>I love getting to see people's joy and thankfulness when they are able to relieve their pain or move around like a normal person in the water.</b>
<b>Why did you become a member of the academy?</b>	<b>It grants me access to a great resource to get the most current research while helping to support a field of physical therapy that is not very popular.</b>
<b>Why do you think your membership in the academy is valuable?</b>	<b>I believe in supporting my profession and want to help grow aquatic therapy as I believe it is a valuable and overlooked tool that therapy can offer. Being a member of the aquatic chapter of APTA helps to promote and fund my favorite field of therapy.</b>