

## Our Mission

To recruit qualified doctors of physical therapy to be trained for advanced Neurologic specialty practice utilizing the mentorship of experienced clinicians and integrating evidence based practice to provide the highest quality of care & improve patient outcomes.

Through post-professional Neurologic clinical experiences, mentoring, and didactic education, the program develops independent advanced level Neurologic physical therapy practitioners.

These practitioners exercise fiscal responsibility, are critical consumers of evidence based research, and are committed to meeting the long-term health, wellness, and specialized needs of Veteran and active duty patients



## Important Dates

### Application Deadline

March 1, 2013

### Interviews

March/April 2013

### Applicants Notified of Status

April 2013

### Residency Begins

August 12, 2013



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### The James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital Mission

To America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and wellbeing.



## Neurologic Physical Therapy Residency Program

## Residency Program Description:

James A Haley Veterans' Hospital has developed a Clinical Residency Program in Neurologic Physical Therapy. The program offers the opportunity for licensed physical therapists to advance their knowledge and skills in preparation for advanced Neurologic physical therapy practice.

This exciting program offers newly licensed graduate, physical therapists the opportunity for fast-track specialization.

Successful completion of the program allows residents to sit for Neurologic Clinical Specialist (NCS) certification, through the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS).

Multiple clinical settings provide a variety of experiences including:

- Polytrauma
- Locomotor lab
- Gait lab
- Balance/Vestibular
- Inpatient Rehabilitation
- Outpatient Care
- Acute Care
- Chronic Pain

Residents will also gain valuable insight and experience through mentoring and didactic learning opportunities.

## Highlights

Large, complex medical facility including:

### State-of-the-art rehab equipment

- Lokomat
- ZeroG
- Motomed
- TheraStride
- Erigo
- Bioness
- Neurocom
- Smart Wheel
- Biodex

### Large staff:

- Clinician average of nine years clinical practice
- One on one mentoring by highly dedicated and experienced clinical mentors
- Opportunities to participate in clinical research
- On-site Neurologic Clinical Specialist (NCS) Physical Therapist
- On-site Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Paid position with benefits, accrued leave, and Federal Holidays
- Designated “Center of Excellence” for Polytrauma, Amputee, Pain, SCI and Multiple Sclerosis Programs

## Program Components

- Residents employed full-time by James A Haley Veterans’ Hospital
- Year long program
- Must be U.S. Citizen

### Clinical training:

- Consists of managing a caseload
- Mentoring sessions with highly experienced clinical staff and faculty (2-4 hours/ wk)
- Didactic curriculum component (averages 1.5 - 2 hours/ wk)

### Opportunities:

- Interdisciplinary patient rounds
- Journal clubs
- Staff in-service presentations
- Research projects
- Mentoring doctoral students
- Surgical observation.

### Didactic content:

Contains current, evidence based material from the Neurological Physical Therapy Professional Education Consortium

## Curriculum Component

### Neurologic Physical Therapy Professional Education Consortium

- 100 plus hours of didactic education
- Journal Clubs
- 26 Webinar series
- Two required live coursework modules (4 days each) in Los Angeles, CA
- Highly respected faculty & subject matter expert speakers

### Sample topics include:

- Differential Dx
- Neuroimaging
- Gait and Bracing
- Neuroplasticity
- Pharmacology
- Vestibular Rehab
- Motor Control
- Electrophysiology
- Evidence Based Practice

### On-site didactic resources, materials, and library:

- Topics in Physical Therapy: Neurology: APTA, Neurology Section
- Emphasis/focus on Neurology Section Description of Specialty Practice (DSP)

## Goals of the Program:

### To educate & train the post-professional physical therapy resident to:

1. Meet the rehab needs of Veterans and active duty service members by becoming advanced practitioners of neurologic PT.
2. Critically assess and appraise the current literature, integrating the latest relevant evidence into advanced practice to improve patient outcomes.
3. Become competent mentors and instructors of neurologic PT practice.
4. Become consultants, advocates, ambassadors to the public and medical community for the profession of PT.
5. Exhibit the highest standard of professionalism.
6. Meet qualifications/ eligibility and be prepared to sit for ABPTS Clinical Specialist board certification.\*

\* Submitted application through American Board of PT Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE) for credentialing September 2012.