

Our Mission

To recruit qualified doctors of physical therapy to be trained for advanced orthopaedic 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 orthopaedic clinical experiences, mentoring, and didactic education, the program develops independent advanced level orthopaedic 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.



Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency Program

Residency Program Description:

James A Haley Veterans' Hospital has developed a Clinical Residency Program in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy. The program offers the opportunity for licensed physical therapists to advance their knowledge and skills in preparation for advanced orthopaedic 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 Orthopaedic Clinical Specialist (OCS) 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 Orthopaedic Clinical Specialist (OCS) 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 American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), Orthopaedic Section

Curriculum Component

Clinical Orthopaedic Residency Curriculum, Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Section, APTA:

- Pharmacology
- Diagnostic Imaging in PT
- Clinical Applications of Orthopaedic Basic Science
- Postoperative Management of Orthopaedic Surgeries
- Current Concepts of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy, 3rd Edition
- Over 75 hours of didactic education

On-site didactic resources, materials, and library:

- Various texts, visual aids, anatomic models and resources
- Emphasis/focus on Orthopaedic 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 orthopaedic 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 orthopaedic 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 P.T. Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE) for credentialing September 2012.