



VA St. Louis Health Care System Physical Rehabilitation Occupational Therapy Fellowship

VA St. Louis Health Care System is proud to offer an American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Occupational Therapy (OT) Fellowship Candidate Program for Physical Rehabilitation. The mission of this program is to train thoughtful clinicians who can integrate and synthesize Physical Rehabilitation specialty practice, knowledge, and skill to provide our Veterans with outstanding, evidence-based Occupational Therapy services across the continuum of care. Our didactic and clinical curriculum are carefully designed offering the Fellow the best opportunity for immediate integration of didactic knowledge with clinical practice, thereby fostering advanced clinical decision-making.

Fellowship Opportunities

Clinical Settings

- Inpatient Rehabilitation
- Hospice & Palliative Unit
- Acute Care including Intensive Care Units
- Outpatient Rehabilitation

Specialty Clinic Opportunities

- Movement Disorder Clinic, Multiple Sclerosis Clinic, ALS Clinic, Amputee Clinic, Low Vision Clinic, Driver Rehab Clinic, Pain Clinic, Wheelchair Clinic, Polytrauma/TBI Clinic

Additional Experiences

- Didactic coursework through face-to-face instruction and advanced practice webinars
- One-on-one clinical instruction and mentorship provided from a variety of Board-Certified Clinical Specialists
- Collaboration with interdisciplinary team
- Fellow-directed scholarly project
- Continuing education and professional development opportunities



Program Highlights

Clinical content will include screening, evaluation, and treatment of Veterans with a variety of medical conditions in all practice settings at the VA St. Louis Health Care System.

- Didactic opportunities include webinars, conferences, professional presentations, and journal clubs.
- Clinical specialists and content experts will provide clinical mentoring during direct patient management. VA faculty will provide additional mentoring in areas of teaching, critical inquiry, and research.
- Program graduates are eligible to sit for the AOTA Board-Certified Physical Rehabilitation Exam.

Additional Information

- The Fellowship is a minimum of 1400 hours in duration and delivered over 12 months.
- Fellows are full-time salaried employees of the VA St. Louis Health Care System with access to health benefits, life insurance, and paid time off.
- There is no cost for tuition or program fees.
- Fellows carry a modified caseload to allow time for mentoring, didactic coursework, professional presentations, and scholarly projects.



Program Admission Requirements

- Applicant must be a citizen of the United States of America.
- Degree from an ACOTE-accredited Occupational Therapy program.
- Successful completion of the NBCOT examination and current membership.
- Maintain an AOTA membership.
- Current occupational therapy license in a state within the United States of America prior to Fellowship start date.
- Interviews will be performance-based.
- Comply with all VA St. Louis Health Care System employment requirements.

Health Professions Trainees (HPTs) are appointed as temporary employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs. As such, HPTs are subject to laws, policies, and guidelines posted for VA staff members. There are infrequent times in which this guidance can change during a training year which may create new requirements or responsibilities for HPTs. If employment requirements change during a training year, HPTs will be notified of the change and impact as soon as possible and options provided. The VA Training Director for your profession will provide you with the information you need to understand the requirement and reasons for the requirement in a timely manner.

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