

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.
- Possess current occupational therapy license in the state of Florida prior to Fellowship start date.
- Participation in a performance-based interview.
- Comply with all Bay Pines VA 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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For more information and how to apply:

<https://www.va.gov/bay-pines-health-care/work-with-us/internships-and-fellowships/>

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Occupational Therapy Lymphedema Fellowship

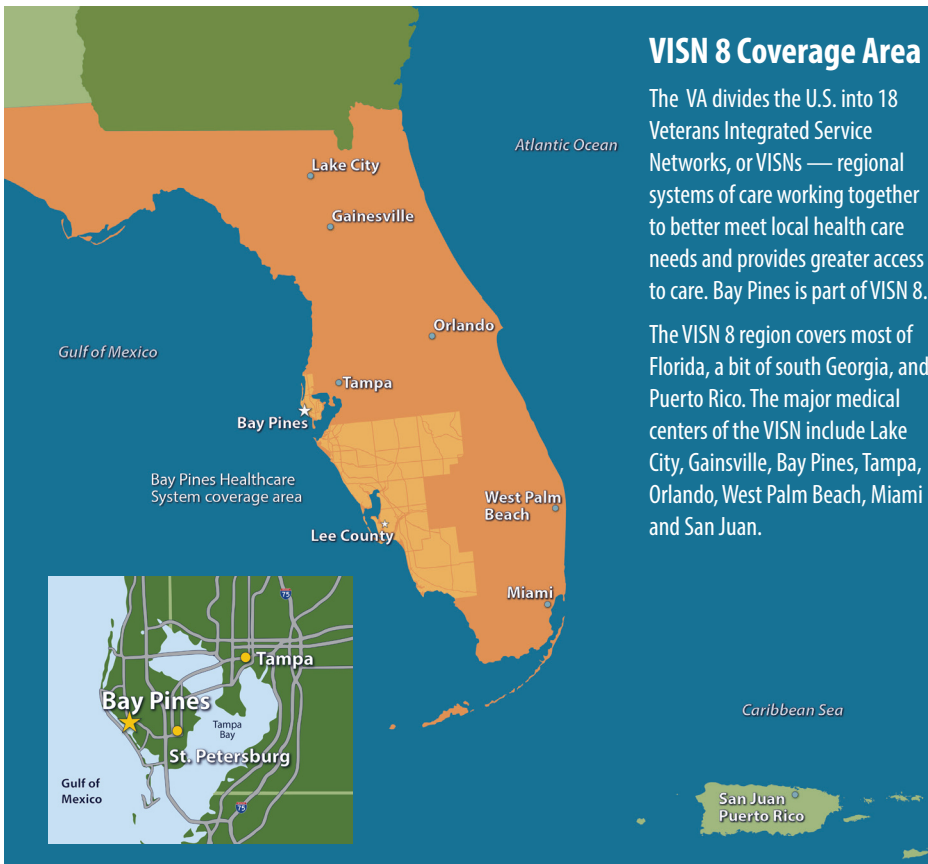
Bay Pines VA Health Care System is proud to offer an American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Occupational Therapy (OT) Fellowship Candidate Program for Lymphedema. The mission of the Bay Pines Lymphedema OT Fellowship Program is to provide highly developed education and training opportunities to OT clinicians for the expansion of knowledge and expertise in the field of lymphedema. 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 Application Deadline:	May 31, 2024
Fellow Selection:	June 2024
Fellowship Start Date:	End of September/ Beginning of October 2024, lasting 12 months

VISN 8 Coverage Area

The VA divides the U.S. into 18 Veterans Integrated Service Networks, or VISNs — regional systems of care working together to better meet local health care needs and provides greater access to care. Bay Pines is part of VISN 8.

The VISN 8 region covers most of Florida, a bit of south Georgia, and Puerto Rico. The major medical centers of the VISN include Lake City, Gainesville, Bay Pines, Tampa, Orlando, West Palm Beach, Miami and San Juan.



Program Highlights

Location! You'll be based within minutes of some of the best rated beaches in the U.S. on the beautiful, historical Bay Pines Healthcare System main campus. The hospital first opened in 1933.

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

- Didactic opportunities include webinars, conferences, professional presentations, and journal clubs.
- Clinical specialists and content experts will provide continuous clinical mentoring in direct patient management. Additional mentoring in areas of teaching, critical inquiry, and research.
- Program graduates will have advanced training in lymphedema management in preparation to become a Certified Lymphedema Therapist

Fellowship Opportunities

Clinical Settings

- Inpatient Rehabilitation
- Outpatient Rehabilitation
- Oncology, Wound Care, Vascular

Advanced Practice Opportunities

- Comprehensive lymphedema program
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Grand Rounds
- Collaboration with cancer care team
- Program development
- Interdisciplinary learning experiences
- Integrating telehealth into lymphedema management

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
- Flexibility to shadow in other areas of interest for individualized experience
- Fellow-directed scholarly project
- Continuing education and professional development opportunities

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 Bay Pines VA 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.



The main hospital building at the Bay Pines Campus.



From the Bay Pines Campus, overlooking Boca Ciega Bay