

## Benefits

- 11 paid federal holidays
- 4 hours of Sick Leave (SL) per pay period, bi-weekly (up to 104 hours over 26 pay periods)
- 4 hours of Annual Leave (AL) per pay period, bi-weekly (up to 104 hours over 26 pay periods)
- Optional health care, dental, and vision

## Admission Requirements

- US citizen
- Degree from CAPTE accredited program
- Successfully complete the National Physical Therapy Examination
- Must obtain PT license prior to beginning the program (may be from any state).



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of Veterans Affairs

## Who We Are

The Birmingham VA Healthcare System (BVAHCS) opened in 1953. It has grown to become one of the leading health care systems serving Veterans in the VA Southeastern Network. We provide healthcare services at 11 locations in Alabama encompassing comprehensive primary and specialty health care in medicine, surgery, psychiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, neurology, oncology, dentistry, and geriatrics. We are also an active partner in the Birmingham/Atlanta Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center. BVAHCS was recently designated as an "Age-Friendly Health System Committed to Care Excellence".

The Geriatric Physical Therapy Residency Program provides the opportunity for residents to experience mentoring and patient care in acute care, outpatient, long-term care, and home health settings. We have a partnership with the Tuscaloosa VA Healthcare System and the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).

## Contact Us

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## Birmingham VA Healthcare System

*Geriatric Physical Therapy Residency  
Program  
2024-2025*



## Program Overview

The Birmingham Veterans Affairs Healthcare System offers a Geriatric Physical Therapy Residency Program that is accredited by the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE). This vigorous, year-long program is designed to offer the recently licensed Doctor of Physical Therapy an opportunity to advance their knowledge and skills in the area of geriatric specialty practice in preparation for Geriatric Clinical Specialist (GCS) certification through the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS). Clinical training consists of managing a caseload of patients with geriatric involvement, mentoring sessions with highly experienced clinical staff (3 to 6 hours/week), as well as a didactic curriculum component.

## Clinical Settings

- Inpatient Acute Care, Medical and Surgical Intensive Care Units
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Long-term Care, Community Living Center (CLC)
- Home-Based Primary Care
- Outpatient Orthopedics and Geriatrics

## Additional Experiences

- 1:1 Mentoring
- MedBridge supplemental didactic learning and Geriatric Clinical Specialist (GCS) Prep Course
- Observation or participation in specialty clinics
- Geriatric Grand Rounds
- UAB Geriatric Scholar's Program
- Inservices and Journal Club
- UAB Lab Instructor
- Clinical supervision of DPT students

**ABPTRFE**

Accredited  
Program



## Mission Statement

Providing advanced evidence-based education to develop geriatric physical therapy clinical specialists who demonstrate advanced geriatric patient/client management, evidence-based practice, critical inquiry, and teaching skills, and who are empowered to become leaders in their communities and provide quality care to our Nation's Veterans. The program will demonstrate continuous improvement and implement strategic initiatives and tactics maintaining a robust, post professional education experience.