ZABLOCKI VA MEDICAL CENTER

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

PHYSICAL REHABILITATION

FELLOWSHIP

**This fellowship, accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association, with central learning objectives and curriculum design consistent with guidelines and standards set forth by AOTA Board Certification, aims to develop occupational therapists who will:**

* Promote the optimum health and occupational function of their clients using their clinical thinking ability, clinical skills, evidence-based practice, and highest ethical/professional standards.
* Utilize current evidence-based knowledge when applying advanced occupational therapy assessment and interventions during clinical practice for a variety of conditions.
* Advocate for and advance the integral role of occupational therapy and rehabilitation in the management and prevention of impairments.
* Possess system skills, such as outcome measurement, quality improvement, project management, leadership, higher level communication and documentation skills.
* Contribute to scholarly advancements in the field of occupational therapy through research.

**Program benefits:**

* One-on-one clinical mentoring
* Opportunity to participate in clinical research
* Leadership skill development
* Continuing education opportunities
* Unique didactic and scholarly experiences
* Salary and full-time benefits, including paid time off and sick leave
* Successful completion of the program will allow fellows eligibility to apply for AOTA Board Certification with 3 years of practice instead of the typical requisite of 5 years.

**Details:**

* One-year commitment: July 29, 2024 – July 25, 2025
* Physical rehabilitation clinical exposure and experiences in outpatient and inpatient care occupational therapy settings
* Coordinated teaching experience with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Applicant Requirements:**

* U.S. Citizen
* AOTA member
* Graduate of an accredited occupational therapy program
* Passed the NBCOT Board examination
* Maintain a current CPR certification through the American Heart Association
* Completed application form including resume/curriculum vitae
* 3 letters of recommendations from individuals who can speak to their clinical skills
* Current occupational therapy license
* Evidence of physical rehabilitation interest and pursuit of additional training/experiences in this area
* Not be on probation or under a learning contract at their current facility or program

**How To Apply:**

* Application Requirements:
  + Complete written application
  + Submit current Curriculum Vitae/Resume
  + Provide 3 Letters of Recommendation
  + Complete a personal statement using the questions below to guide your response
    - **Essay Question #1:** What are your goals for participation in a physical rehabilitation fellowship program?
    - **Essay Question #2:** Describe how you have demonstrated leadership in the past and how your participation in a fellowship program will enable you to become a leader in the field of physical rehabilitation occupational therapy.
    - **Essay Question #3:** Describe your approach and thought process when you are evaluating new patients. How do you use clinical reasoning to complete a comprehensive and successful exam and determine the appropriate recommendations and/or treatment plan? You may provide a patient example if needed.

**Dates to Remember:**

* **Start Date for Submission of Applications: January 1, 2024**
* **Application Deadline: March 31, 2024**
* **Interview Days:  April 15- 19, 2024**
* **Notification Date: April 30, 2024**
* **Notification of Acceptance: May 15, 2024**
* **Fellowship Start Date: July 29, 2024**
* **Fellowship End Date: July 25, 2025**

**Should you have any questions please contact:**

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