



SLVHCS Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency Program

Program

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Program

Introducing the Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency program at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System, an advanced practice opportunity for physical therapists focused on elevating care for our nation's veterans.

Overview of Program



Year-long Advanced Practice Residency

Offers licensed physical therapists a 12-month program focused on Orthopaedic Physical Therapy



Diverse Clinical Experiences

Residents will train across a variety of settings including acute/ICU, outpatient, primary care, aquatics, and wellness programs



Extensive Mentoring and Didactic Instruction

Residents receive a minimum of 150 hours of 1-on-1 mentoring, education through staff lectures, AOPT residency curriculum, and Medbridge



Eligibility for Orthopaedic Clinical Specialist (OCS) Exam

Successful completion of the program prepares residents to sit for the OCS certification exam

The Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System provides advanced training to develop highly skilled orthopaedic practitioners committed to elevating the care of our nation's Veterans.

Mission and Goals



Develop advanced
orthopaedic practitioners

Committed to providing
excellence in orthopaedic
physical therapy for Veterans



Deliver an advanced
curriculum

Integrating the mentor-mentee
model of learning



Contribute to the growth
of knowledge

In the field of orthopaedic
physical therapy



Serve as a resource
Within professional, academic,
and social communities

Through this mission and goals, the program aims to elevate the care of our Veterans by developing highly skilled, board-certified orthopaedic physical therapists.

Curriculum



Didactic Learning

Includes online resources, lecture-based instruction, and evidence-based practice discussions



Clinical Mentoring

Residents receive 150+ hours of 1-on-1 mentoring

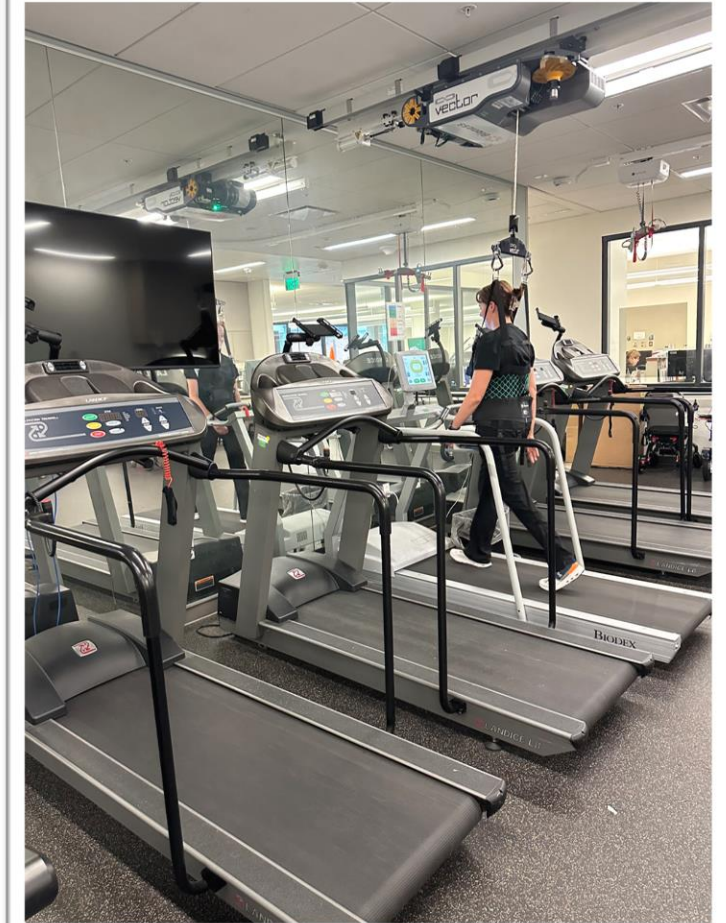
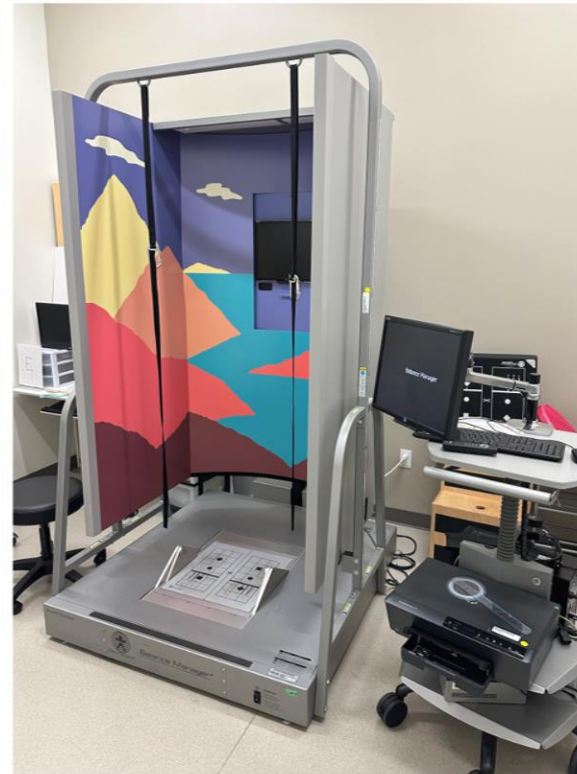


Interdisciplinary Education

Residents will participate in joint/spinal injection observations, EMG/NCS, radiofrequency ablation, and total joint/arthroscopic procedures. Additional opportunities to teach medical residents

The curriculum encompasses a balanced approach of didactic, clinical, and interprofessional learning to develop advanced orthopaedic practitioners.

The VA has exceptional facilities and equipment to provide the best care.



Residency Requirements

- US Citizenship

Applicants must be US citizens to be eligible for the residency program.

- CAPTE-Accredited Program Graduation

Applicants must have graduated from a Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) accredited physical therapy program.

- State Licensure

Applicants must have an unrestricted state license to practice physical therapy in the United States.

- APTA and Ortho Section Membership

Applicants must be members of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and the Orthopaedic Section.

- Program Components

Successful completion of various program components, including case presentations, journal club facilitation, medical resident instruction, research proposal submission, in-service presentations, peer reviews, written exams, live patient evaluations, and residency competency evaluations.

Benefits

- **Stipend salary**

The residency program provides a stipend salary funded by the Office of Academic Affiliations.

- **Health insurance**

Residents receive comprehensive health insurance coverage as part of the employment benefits.

- **Paid leave**

Residents accrue 13 vacation and 13 sick days in addition to 11 federal holidays per year.

- **Paid Curriculum Materials**

AOPT's Full Residency Package and a subscription to Medbridge

- **Personal workspace**

Residents are provided with a dedicated personal workspace equipped with necessary office supplies and support personnel.

- **Teaching experience**

Residents have the opportunity to gain teaching experience by serving as instructors for interdisciplinary VA staff and medical residents.

- **Paid Conference Attendance**

Conference fees, airfare, hotel, meal and incidentals for attendance of CSM, conference fees for APTA-LA conference to support professional development

How to Apply



Application Process

RF-PTCAS



Interviews

Conducted onsite or virtually



Acceptance Notification

Applicants notified by May 30



Program Start

Begins after July 4

The Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency Program has a streamlined application process, including RF-PTCAS, interviews, and timely acceptance notification, leading to a program start after July 4.

Program Outcomes

Outcome	Value
Graduation Rate	100% (1/1)
Specialty Board Pass Rate	TBD
Retention Employment within VHA Healthcare System	100% (1/1)

*Based on data from the SLVHCS Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency Program's internal tracking and reporting. Outcomes for this program to be updated annually following completion of resident year

Susan Kurtz

PT, MPT, CWS, SCCE

Residency Program Director

Susan Kurtz has over 20 years of diverse experience in various healthcare settings, including the ICU, wound care, pediatrics, and the VA. She is a Certified Wound Specialist, clinical instructor credentialing level 2 through the APTA, and serves as an adjunct DPT faculty member at LSUHSC-NO and VA's Clinical Education Coordinator, contributing to the education of future physical therapy practitioners.





Monique Serpas

PT, DPT, OCS

Residency Program Coordinator

Monique Serpas, PT, DPT, OCS, graduated in 2008 with her DPT from Concordia University Wisconsin and has experience in various settings, including outpatient, primary care, vestibular rehab, and integrated pain care. She became board-certified in orthopaedics in 2012. She has presented research on the Comprehensive Pain Rehabilitation Program as well as VA primary care at APTA-LA conferences. She has served on APTA boards, most recently on the APTA-LA board as the Education Committee Chair, from 2020-2023. She is clinical instructor credentialing level 2 through the APTA.



Contacts for the Ortho PT Residency Program at SLVHCS

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Financial Fact Sheet 2024-2025

Introduction: The American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE) has created this Financial Fact Sheet to provide financial transparency to applicants on the true costs to undergo residency and fellowship education.

Instructions: The program will complete Part 1 of this form and publish it on the program's website. The applicant will complete Part 2 of this form.

Part 1: To be Completed by the Program

Program Information

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Name of Program: SLVHCS Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency

Physical Address: 2400 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA, 70119

Program Hours

Educational Hours: 300+

Patient-Care Clinic / Practice Hours (inclusive of mentoring): 1500

Mentoring Hours: 150+.

Program Travel

Please indicate if participants are required to travel greater than 50 miles for any aspect of patient-care clinic/practice hours (does not include daily commute): No

Please indicate if participants are required to travel greater than 50 miles for any aspect of educational hours: Yes

Participant Costs

The program will provide all costs associated with this program.

Type of Cost	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Total
Fees <i>Enter the amount of fees associated with the program (if applicable). Fees are any amount \$1,000 or less. If more than \$1,000, please enter that amount under tuition.</i>	\$ 295 (APTA), 125 (LA Chapter), 50(AOPT)	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ 470
<input type="checkbox"/> Fees for this program include:				
<input type="checkbox"/> CPR				
<input type="checkbox"/> EMR				

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APTA-Related Professional Membership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dues (APTA, Section/Academy) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Professional Membership Dues <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Indicate other fees.				
Tuition (if applicable)	\$ 0	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ 0
Curriculum Costs (not included in tuition above)	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ 0
Required textbooks, software, apps (not included in program fees)	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ 0
Application Fees (program assessed above and beyond RF-PTCAS)	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ 0
Conference Registration Fees (not included in fees above)	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ 0
Travel Costs (for program education requirements and conference attendance, if applicable)	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ 0
Parking/Mass-Transit Fees	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ 0
Mentoring Fees	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ 0
Malpractice Insurance	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ 0
Other program costs not included above: List other costs.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ 0
Total Program Costs	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ 470

Program Sponsored Financial Assistance

The program will provide any financial assistance provided to participants.

Type of Financial Assistance	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Total
Salary Paid by Program	\$ 52764	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ 52764
Student Financial Aid (for tuition fee programs only)	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Tally row amounts.
Graduate Assistantship(s)	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Tally row amounts.
Other Assistantship(s)	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Tally row amounts.
Scholarships	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Tally row amounts.
Travel Costs/Stipends	\$ up to 1800 for conference travel	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ 1800
Student Financial Aid (for tuition fee programs only)	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Tally row amounts.
ABPTS Board-Certification Examination Fees	\$ 0	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ 0
Other financial assistance not included above: Yes	\$ 500 (AOPT Residency)	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ 1555

	Courses), 275 (Medbridge subscription), 500 (CSM fee), 280 (APTA-LA Conference fee)			
Total Financial Assistance	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ 56,119

Part 2: To be Completed by the Applicant

Program Information – This information can be found on the [ABPTRFE Online Directory](#)

Program Structure

Program Type: Single Site

Program Format: Full-Time

Program Length: 12 months, 40 hours per week

2nd Program Format: Select 2nd program format, if applicable.

2nd Program Length: Enter the 2nd program length in months, if applicable

Number of Participant Positions Each Calendar Year: 1

Program Applicant Information

Application Deadline Date: March

Program Start Date: August

2nd Application Deadline Date (if applicable): Enter the 2nd program application deadline date, if applicable.

Program 2nd Start Date: Enter the 2nd program start date, if applicable.

3rd Application Deadline Date (if applicable): Enter the 3rd program application deadline date, if applicable

Program 3rd Start Date: Enter the 3rd program start date, if applicable.

4th Application Deadline Date (if applicable): Enter the 4th program application deadline date, if applicable

Program 4th Start Date: Enter the 4th program start date, if applicable.

Format for Educational Hours: Both in-person and remote

Affiliated Practice Site Locations: Select locations.

Mentor Appointment to Faculty: Mentors identified by program

Mentor Accessibility: On-site

Applicant Financial Considerations

The applicant will consider the following related to their finances.

Participant Financial Consideration	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Total
Salary Earned (<i>input your salary, not paid by the program, if you plan to continue your employment while undergoing the program</i>)	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Tally row amounts.
License Fees	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Tally row amounts.
Malpractice Insurance (<i>not covered by program</i>)	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Tally row amounts.
Cost of Living Expenses (Forbes Cost of Living Calculator)	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Tally row amounts.
Student Loan Payments (<i>if unable to defer during program</i>)	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Tally row amounts.
Subtotal	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Tally row amounts.
Loan Forgiveness (<i>if eligible</i>)	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Enter amount.	\$ Tally row amounts.
Total Participant Financial Considerations	\$ Subtract Loan Forgiveness from Subtotal.	\$ Subtract Loan Forgiveness from Subtotal.	\$ Subtract Loan Forgiveness from Subtotal.	\$ Tally row amounts.

Applicant Financial Debt Summary

The applicant will utilize the total program costs, total program financial assistance, and total participant financial consideration, along with their current debt to calculate the cost-benefit ration of completing this program.

Debt	Total
Debt at time of admission to program (<i>current student loan debt</i>)	\$ Enter total current debt.
Total program costs (<i>enter amount from total costs for entire length of program located above</i>)	\$ Enter amount.
Total participant financial considerations (<i>enter amount from total financial considerations for entire length of program located above</i>)	\$ Enter amount.
Subtotal	\$ Add above amounts.
Total program financial assistance (<i>enter amount from total program financial assistance for entire length of program located above</i>)	\$ Enter amount.
Total Debt After Completion of Program	\$ Subtract program financial assistance from subtotal.

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