



Cincinnati VA Medical Center and University of Cincinnati Residency in Neurologic Physical Therapy

**Cincinnati VA Medical Center
Physical Therapy MDP 117
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Our mission is to prepare physical therapy residents for advanced specialty practice. This program will cultivate high level neurologic physical therapists who integrate the teacher-scholar model into their clinical practice. Through neurologic clinical experiences under the mentorship of master clinicians, along with didactic online and onsite learning experiences in neurologic topics including both teaching and research, the program will develop advanced physical therapy practitioners who care for the whole patient and are prepared for board certification in neurologic physical therapy by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS).

Residents will start the year-long program between July and November. They will be employed by the Cincinnati VA Medical Center, and therefore need to be a US citizen. Residents will manage a neurologic patient caseload of ~30-40 hours/week, rotating through acute inpatient with exposure to specialty populations in intensive care, rehab, long-term care, outpatient, and home-based primary care teams. Residents are involved in mentoring sessions with expert clinicians for 2-4 hours/week and didactic coursework approximately 2.5 hours/week that includes an online component. Residents participate/rotate in specialty clinics (e.g. Pain Management, Movement Disorders, Primary Care, SCI, ENT, Vestibular/Balance, and Mobility), program development, and a variety of teaching opportunities at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center and University of Cincinnati throughout the year. Residents who successfully complete the program are eligible to apply and sit for the Neurologic Clinical Specialist (NCS) exam. This is a funded position with benefits.

Our program participates in the Residency and Fellowship Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (RF-PTCAS) with interviews and final decisions made no later than August 29. Candidates can apply as students but need to have a plan to graduate and become licensed physical therapists by the start date of the residency. The required Application for Health Professions Trainee is available at <http://www.va.gov/oa/app-forms.asp>.

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Note: A CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION STATUS, CERTIFICATION OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP, and DRUG SCREENING are required to become a VA postdoctoral resident. The Federal Government requires that male applicants to VA positions who were born after 12/31/59 must sign a Pre-appointment Certification Statement for Selective Service Registration before they are employed. All residents will have to complete a Certification of Citizenship in the United States prior to beginning the residency. VA will not consider applications from anyone who is not currently a U.S. citizen. VA conducts drug screening exams on randomly selected personnel as well as new employees. Residents are not required to be tested prior to beginning work, but once on staff they are subject to random selection as are other staff. Residents are also subject to fingerprinting and background checks.