

Lee Health Physical Therapy Orthopedic Residency Program



The Lee Health Physical Therapy Orthopedic Residency Program is a great opportunity for physical therapists to advance their knowledge and develop their clinical skills in the area of orthopedic physical therapy. The residency program is designed to prepare residents to become successful orthopedic clinical specialists committed to enhancing the quality of patient care and improving the life and mobility of individuals in the community.

The program begins October of each year and runs for 13 consecutive months. In the program, residents receive advanced clinical education and training in the management of patients with neuromusculoskeletal conditions:

- Extremities (shoulder, elbow, wrist, hand, hip, knee, ankle, foot)
- Spine (cervical, thoracic, lumbar/sacroiliac)
- Craniomandibular

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Lee Health Physical Therapy Orthopedic Residency Program is to provide physical therapists with a comprehensive, well-rounded educational and clinical experience that will integrate clinical decision-making skills, evidence based practice, and advanced diagnostic skills in orthopedic physical therapy that represents a commitment to clinical excellence in quality, satisfaction, safety and compassionate care.

Benefits of a Lee Health Residency

At Lee Health, residents will be part of the ExceptionalLee team, with a focus on encouraging communication, empathy, and teamwork. Lee Health regularly celebrates service and recognizes what makes each of us unique. ExceptionalLee is just one way Lee Health strives to develop attentive leaders who believe in inspiring the people around them. Residents also will enjoy the beautiful Southwest Florida weather, filling free time with year-round outdoor recreation, wellness activities, and cultural events.



Program Specifics

The residency combines interactive learning sessions with clinical work to encourage the development of advanced levels of clinical reasoning, diagnostic skills, scientific knowledge, leadership, communication, and patient management. The residency is designed to develop orthopedic physical therapists with exposure to a diverse patient population and a variety of educational settings.

- Resident will begin employment as a salaried, full-time employee in September.
- Residents rotate through three large outpatient locations.
- Residents are exposed to diverse orthopedic diagnoses.
- Residents will educate both clinicians and the community via planned educational sessions.
- Residents have direct one to one mentorship throughout the entire residency via planned weekly sessions.

Applications

All candidates for the Physical Therapy Orthopedic Residency Program must have attained Florida licensure before beginning the residency program. Ideal applicants will have experience in orthopedics (through work or student internships), superior written and verbal communication skills, evidence of leadership skills, and a desire to improve and learn.

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