

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (VAGLAHS) Chiropractic Integrated Clinical Practice Residency

Application will be accepted from January 9, 2017 and deadline is February 3, 2017

Residencies are available at:

Los Angeles, CA; West Haven, CT; Buffalo, NY; St. Louis, MO, and Canandaigua, NY

See instructions for VAGLAHS and forms below.

The program is funded by the VA Office of Academic Affiliations and in Los Angeles is administered in affiliation with Southern California University of Health Sciences (SCU). Additional details about the program are provided in the announcement Fact Sheet - VA Chiropractic Residency Programs.

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The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) conducts the country's largest healthcare provider clinical training program. In July 2014, VA initiated its first Chiropractic Integrated Clinical Practice Residency training program at five VA medical centers with one of the programs being awarded to VAGLAHS, part of VA Desert Pacific Healthcare Network. The focus of this training program emphasizes the provision of chiropractic care in an integrated healthcare system, collaborating with primary care, specialty care clinics, and other medical and associated health providers and trainees.

The residencies provide advanced clinical training in complex case management, allowing recent graduates to increase their scope and depth of clinical knowledge, experience and acumen. Residents are mentored by senior VA chiropractors who are national leaders in integrated chiropractic practice. These clinicians share their expertise in patient care, academics and research to provide a robust educational experience.

These hospital-based training programs expand the residents' ability to collaborate with other healthcare professionals in team care, as trainees learn with and from other healthcare providers during interdisciplinary rotations. Residents develop their knowledge of hospital practice, policies and procedures, and are better prepared for future positions in VA, other healthcare systems, and/or academic settings.

Administration

Programs are administered nationally by VA's Office of Academic Affiliations and locally by the individual VA facility. The chiropractic residency program at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System is awarded programmatic accreditation by the Council of Chiropractic Education, 8048 North 85th Way, Scottsdale, AZ, 85258-4321, Phone: (480)443-8877, Website: www.cce-usa.org. Each VA facility partners with its affiliated Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) accredited chiropractic school in conducting the program. The academic affiliate for the residency program at VAGLAHS is SCU.

Location

Training will take place at VAGLAHS, and may also include other sites such as SCU or other affiliated locations.

Curricular overview

Residents will provide full diagnostic and management services of musculoskeletal and neuromuscular conditions under the mentorship of senior VA doctors of chiropractic (DC). This will include team-based management of complex conditions in collaboration with other medical specialists and healthcare providers. Residents will also engage in clinical educational rotations through services including primary care, medical and/or surgical specialties, mental health, and rehabilitation disciplines. Additionally, residents will participate in various scholarly activities and will attend and give presentations at multiple academic/research venues of the VA facility and/or its affiliates. All VA residencies meet the same national standards, yet each program is unique, and training experiences and opportunities will differ somewhat at different sites.

Eligibility requirements

Programs will be open to applicants who hold a DC degree from a CCE-accredited program. Applicants must have a current, full, active, and unrestricted chiropractic license in a State, Territory or Commonwealth of the United States, or in the District of Columbia, or be eligible for a license. Applicants must meet all VA employment requirements including United States citizenship and Selective Service registration when applicable.

Duration

Programs are full-time (40 hours/week) for 12 months. Additional weekly time may be needed for scholarly or other training activities. Programs run from July 1 to June 30.

Application process

The minimum specific requirements the applicant must meet for residency consideration include the following:

- Applicant must have at least a 3.0 GPA in the Doctor of Chiropractic professional program.
- Applicant must have earned a DC degree from an accredited chiropractic college prior to June 1, 2017.
- Have a current, full, active, and unrestricted chiropractic license in a State, Territory or Commonwealth of the United States, or in the District of Columbia, or be eligible for such license.
- The applicant must have successfully completed Parts I, II & III of the NBCE Boards; each applicant is required to successfully complete part IV of the NBCE Boards and have scores submitted as soon as available.
- The applicant must be a citizen of the United States.
- All applicants will be notified of decisions on or before this March 31, 2017.

- Selection of residents will be made without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion or sexual orientation.

- Must have capabilities and goals consistent with the mission and rigor of the program.

Applications complete with supporting documentation and consistent with the request for application guidelines **must be received electronically by February 3, 2017** to be fully considered. To apply for the residency program at VAGLAHS/SCU, send applications and supporting documents to

valerie.johnson4@va.gov.

The following documents are required to be submitted:

- Curriculum Vitae/Resume

- VA Chiropractic Residency Application – **deadline for submission 02/03/17**

- Three (3) letters of recommendations using the VA Chiropractic Residency Recommendation forms from practicing doctors of chiropractic or faculty members from a CCE accredited institution or its international equivalent.

All applications will be reviewed by a Residency Committee and applicants will be selected for the interviews. Those applications chosen for interviews will be required to complete:

1. An interview with the Residency Committee, preferably in person, however, alternate arrangements (i.e. video calls) may be available when a in person visit cannot be scheduled.

2. Candidates may be required to present a clinical case report.

The resident will ultimately be selected following interviews of the most qualified candidates. The selected applicant will receive a letter of appointment from the VA confirming the offer of the residency position requiring that a signed confirmation of acceptance be returned. This appointment letter of acceptance of the residency position will provide information regarding the duration of the program, hours of attendance, and compensation. All applicants, including those not selected, will be informed in writing or via e-mail at the decision of the committee.

Description and location of the residency program is included below.

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The VAGLAHS directs the Department of Veterans Affairs largest educational enterprise. We serve as a major training site for the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine and Keck School of Medicine of USC, as well as more than 45 colleges, universities and vocational schools in 17 different medical, nursing, paramedical and administrative programs. In addition to the chiropractic residency training program, this institution sponsors 16 medical residencies and numerous associated health residencies and internships in dentistry, podiatry, optometry, pharmacy, clinical psychology, social work and dietetics.

Chiropractic Integrated Clinical Practice Residency

The Chiropractic Integrated Clinical Practice Residency is designed to facilitate the development of chiropractic clinicians in an integrative medical setting with an emphasis on advanced clinical training and academic practices. We are dedicated to providing quality patient-centered care to our Veteran patient population base, who often present with multiple co-morbidities, with using evidence-based methods. The program offers our chiropractic resident a wide diversity of experience in a major academic medical center and is located in the Polytrauma Center, part of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation services.

We offer an outstanding clinical experience in various interdisciplinary settings under the direct guidance of faculty through observational training rotations in VAGLAHS General PM&R clinic, Pain clinic, Amputee, Shoe & Brace/Wheelchair, Cardiac Rehab/ETT, Neurolysis, Electrodiagnosis, Functional Capacity, Polytrauma, Physical Therapy and Kenisiotherapy Therapy. The resident will observe how physical injuries, disabilities and reconditioning problems are assessed and managed on a routine basis. The resident will participate in weekly formal didactic sessions already established and provided by PM&RS department faculty. Additional interprofessional clinical training rotations include the Department of Radiology, Department of Mental Health and Primary Care. Academic and training opportunities are available at SCU and its approved clinics. The resident will participate as a Problem Based Learning tutor for the first year medical school curriculum in Musculoskeletal Medicine, at David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Graduates of this program will be exceptionally prepared to practice in VA and other healthcare systems; however completion of this residency does not ensure employment in VA or elsewhere.

Thank you for your interest in VAGLAHS' Chiropractic Integrated Clinical Practice Residency.