



## How can this Residency help with my student loans\*?

Any VA is an eligible site for the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. Typically, monthly payments will be commensurate with annual earning. After ten years of monthly payments—while employed at an eligible site—the remainder of the consolidated federal loans are subject to be discharged.

Note: You do not have to spend the entire 10 years at the same site, such as VA. It can be any combination of full-time employment at any eligible site in an underserved population. Please discuss details with your loan servicer.

\*Subject to current federal guidelines.

# Application Process

## Admission Requirements

- US citizen
- Graduate from a CAPTE–accredited Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
- Physical Therapist License Applicant (PTLA) status will be sufficient to start the program. However, the applicant must obtain an unrestricted license while in the program. An unrestricted PT license prior to beginning the program is preferred.

## Apply Online

Use the APTA Residency/Fellowship Physical Therapist Centralized Application Services (RF-PTCAS). For more information on using this application service to apply for this residency program please visit: [www.abptrfe.org/RFPTCAS/](http://www.abptrfe.org/RFPTCAS/)

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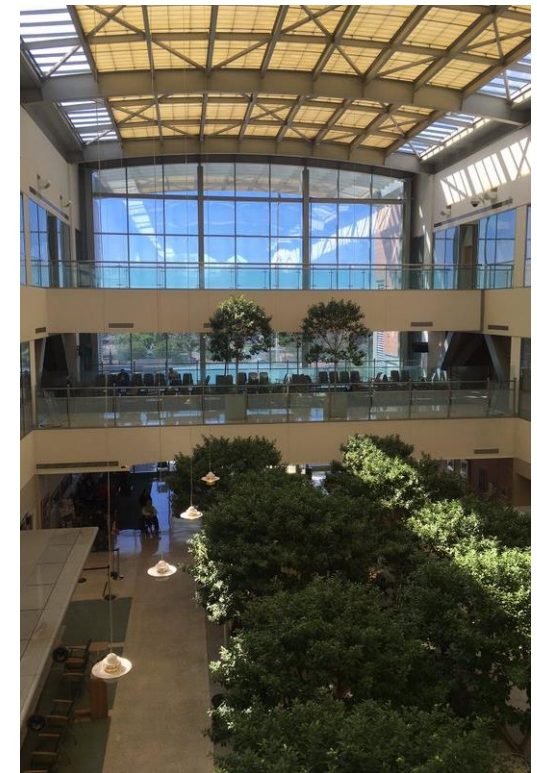


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*“To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan.”*

*-Abraham Lincoln*



## Mission

*To provide high-quality training to entry-level Physical Therapists, using evidence-based, experiential and didactic learning, to train masterful clinicians who possess strong problem-solving abilities, and the desire for self-reflective, life-long learning.*

## Philosophy

The Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency program at the Greater Los Angeles VA aims to provide Residents with a deeper understanding of the basic science of human anatomy, physiology, and kinesiology, and to be able to extrapolate the breadth and depth of knowledge into the whole patient from the cellular level, to the physical, and biopsychosocial domains. The strong foundation in movement science will improve analytical and diagnostic ability, such that the Resident graduates will be able to apply highly-effective manual therapy, and prescriptive exercise interventions.

### What is the cost of the program?

There are no tuition or fees associated with the program. However, Residents will be responsible for costs associated with specialist examination, after graduation from the Residency.

### How much will I be paid?

Salary is established by the VA's Office of Academic Affiliations at a predetermined amount. The 2019 salary will be approximately \$43,000.

### What benefits can I expect?

Residents will have 13 paid vacation days, as well as 4 hours of sick leave accrued per pay period. Residents will also get 10 paid federal holidays, and optional health, vision, and dental benefits.



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### How long is the Residency Program?

The Residency program will be completed in 1 year. Upon successful completion, the Resident will be eligible to sit for the Orthopaedic Clinical Specialist Examination.

### What is a typical day?

Typical hours will be 8:00am-4:30pm, Monday through Friday. No weekends are required to complete this program. Certain rotations may have slightly longer days. Built into the work week will be 2-4 hours of didactic learning and lab. There will also be 2-4 hours a week of 1:1 mentoring. Expect to reserve some additional personal time to prepare for exams, assignments, and the specialist examination.