

Orthopedic Physical Therapy Residency Program Application and Selection Process

To apply for admission, please include the following 4 items in a single application package:

1. **Cover Letter** that responds to the following questions:
 - a. What do you wish to gain through participation in this clinical residency?
 - b. What areas of expertise do you possess that would contribute to the growth in clinical skills of your fellow residents?
 - c. What are your future plans in the area of orthopedic physical therapy?
2. **Curriculum Vitae**
3. **Two Letters of Recommendation** — If you are a recent graduate, one letter of recommendation should come from one of your clinical instructors.
4. **Description of Clinical Experiences** including the following information for each organization in which you have performed direct patient care:
 - a. Name of your clinical supervisor (if any) or supervisor
 - b. Type of facility
 - c. Date employed (or dates of internship)
 - d. Description of patient load
 - e. Description of any clinical supervision or mentoring
 - f. Time periods (in hours) involved in direct patient care using this formula:
Total hours = (number of hours) x (number of weeks per year) x (number of full-time years)

Evaluation Criteria

The HealthCare Partners Physical Therapy Department manager and clinical supervisor will evaluate applications based on the following criteria:

- a. Academic education
- b. Clinical education and mentoring experiences
- c. Clinical experience in orthopedic physical therapy
- d. Research experience
- e. Community service

Preferred applicants include those who:

- Have completed an extended internship or externship under the direct clinical supervision of a Clinical Specialist in Orthopedic Physical Therapy
- Possess superior verbal and written communication skills
- Have experience in data collection, analysis, and publication
- Possess strong fundamentals in the principles of clinical reasoning and the application of manual examination and treatment procedures

Eligibility Requirements

Minimum eligibility requirements for acceptance into the program include:

- Licensure as a Physical Therapist by the Physical Therapy Board of California or PTLA, and
- Compliance with all of HealthCare Partners employment requirements

Application Process

Application deadline is July 31 for admission into the program that starts in January of the following year. Please submit your completed application to:

HealthCare Partners Medical Group

Attn: Scott Ruther, MS, PT, OCS

Physical Therapy Department

23430 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 105

Torrance, CA 90505

Select candidates will receive an interview and an opportunity for evaluation of basic clinical competencies with members of the selection committee. Notification of admission to the program will be made by October 30.