



Pediatric Physical Therapy Residency Program

Admission criteria:

1. At least 1 year experience as a licensed physical therapist, minimum of 6 months in pediatrics preferred. A new professional who has completed a minimum of 6 months pediatric clinical education internship experience may be considered for the residency. Must have completed a final clinical internship at CHOP or at a comparable pediatric academic facility.
2. Exhibits superior verbal and written communication and teamwork skills
3. Possesses strong fundamentals in principles of clinical decision making
4. Demonstrates ability to effectively interact with individuals of all ages, abilities, and cultural backgrounds
5. Meets all eligibility requirements to be employed as a practicing physical therapist within the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
6. APTA and Pediatric Section Member preferred
7. Proof of active Pennsylvania licensure and eligible for New Jersey licensure

Applicants should submit the following electronically by December 31st:

1. Residency application
2. Copy of Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Licensure (or eligible to apply)
3. Copy of APTA membership card
4. A curriculum vitae with detailed description of clinical experiences
5. Submission of pediatric and cultural competence curriculum from entry level or advanced degree program.
6. For external applicants, academic transcript from an accredited clinical doctorate physical therapy program.
7. A letter of intent outlining the following:
 - a. What do you wish to gain through participation in this clinical residency?
 - b. What are your goals and expectations in participating in the residency program?
 - c. What areas of expertise do you possess that you feel would contribute to the growth in clinical skills of novice clinicians?
 - d. What are your future plans in the area of pediatric physical therapy? After completing the clinical residency program where do you see yourself in 3 years?
8. Sample of professional presentation or writing
9. Three professional references (including one clinical and one academic) qualified to comment on the applicant's candidacy for residency

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of the Department Manager and Residency steering and planning committees. Applications will be evaluated on the strength of the following criteria:

1. Academic education (detailed information regarding pediatric curriculum and cultural competence)
2. Clinical education and mentoring experiences
3. Clinical experience in pediatric physical therapy
4. Evidence of superior communication, teamwork, and leadership ability
5. Evidence of strong fundamentals in the principles of clinical decision making

Outstanding candidates will be selected for an interview and evaluation of basic clinical competencies with members of the selection committee.