Physical Therapy Resident Application Process

The University of Chicago Medical Center Physical Therapy Residency program is a 12 month full time program designed to prepare residents to take the ABPTS examination in either Orthopedics or Pediatrics (these are two separate curricula). The program has been designed to allow residents to take full advantage of the clinical, academic and research experiences offered at the University of Chicago Medical Center. The program has applied for APTA accreditation and will have our site visit in 2011.

**Goals:** The goals of the program are to prepare graduates who will:

1. Practice advanced physical therapy clinical decision-making skills – with emphasis on managing patients with orthopedic conditions and disabling conditions common to pediatric populations.
2. Provide superior physical therapy clinical practice and manual therapy skills.
3. Be able to participate as part of multi-disciplinary team to optimize the management of orthopedic or pediatric patient conditions.
4. Become a resource for the community in the prevention and rehabilitation of orthopedic and pediatric injuries.
5. Contribute to the physical therapy profession through writing, teaching and leadership skills.

Residents will spend approximately 70% of their time in direct patient care and 30% of their time in structured academic activities. Educational activities include mentoring with clinicians with their advanced certification in orthopedics and pediatrics, advanced specialty lectures, grand rounds, physician shadowing, sports conferences, weekly meetings with orthopedic/pediatric physicians, journal reviews, practical and written examinations in each specialty area and research opportunities.

Residents will be full time employees of the University Of Chicago Medical Center and health care benefits will be available.

**How to Apply:**

**Eligibility:** Physical Therapists licensed or eligible for licensure, in the state of Illinois, are encouraged to apply. **Only physical therapists licensed in the state of Illinois will be hired.**
The application must include a letter of intent, curriculum vitae, 3 letters of recommendation, and an online UCMC application.

- The letter of intent must include the following: 1) goals/objectives for completing the residency program, 2) a summary of prior clinical and educational experience and 3) short and long term goals for becoming an orthopedic or pediatric clinical specialist.

- Please include a current curriculum vitae or resume.

- The 3 letters of recommendation must include two of the following:
  1. Current or former supervisor, (if a recent graduate; from a current or former clinical instructor)
  2. Instructor/faculty member from an accredited physical therapy program
  3. A physician with whom the physical therapist has worked in the past year.

**Complete a PT level 1 application online at:**
http://www.uchospitals.edu/jobs/index.html
You will be emailed a specific PT resident job description.

**Interviews:**
Those candidates screened who meet requirements will be interviewed initially via phone by the Residency program Coordinator. A second interview will be completed on the University of Chicago Medical Campus in May 2011. All interviews will include behavioral and clinical questions. Please be prepared to discuss research ideas and to demonstrate patient interactions and treatment plans.

The completed application should be forwarded no later than April 15th to:

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Please feel free to email any questions to molly.malloy@uchospitals.edu

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