



PHYSICAL THERAPY

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Geriatric Residency

APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

To apply for admission to the University of Minnesota Geriatric Residency Program, applicants need to complete the centralized residency application form ([RF-PTCAS](#)). This link can also be found on the APTA American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education ([ABPTRFE](#)) webpage.

Applications will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:

- Academic education and explanation of transcript variances
- Clinical observation, internship, and mentoring experiences
- Clinical experience in geriatric physical therapy
- Research experience and interest
- Quality of application materials including spelling and grammar
- Previous personal and professional experience with older adults

Minimal eligibility requirements to be completed prior to September 1 (or other agreed upon start date) of the year of the residency for acceptance into the Geriatric Residency Program include:

- Graduation from a CAPTE accredited physical therapy program
- Attainment of a passing score on the National Physical Therapy Licensure Examination
- Current Minnesota Physical Therapy License without disciplinary actions
- Compliance with all clinical site employment requirements

Standout candidates include those who:

- Possess superior verbal and written communication skills
- Have a solid background in searching out and interpreting clinical research
- Demonstrate potential for lifelong learning
- Have completed an internship or other clinical work under the supervision of a Clinical Specialist in Geriatric Physical Therapy
- Possess strong fundamentals in the principles of clinical reasoning and the application of examination and treatment procedures related to the practice of geriatric physical therapy
- Display evidence of dedication to this specialty population

The first application deadline is January 31 each year.

Applications will be reviewed by the Geriatric Residency Admissions Committee. Selected candidates will be granted an interview with the committee. This will be conducted either in person or electronically with video & audio. Any travel expenses associated with an in person interview will be the applicant's responsibility.

During the interview process candidates are assessed in the areas of commitment to the specialty area, knowledge of the nature of residency education, clinical reasoning and application, and career goals. High quality candidates will possess attributes of flexibility, team building, leadership, communication skills, and a desire to be a lifelong learner.

Residents are selected by the Admissions Committee and their decision is final. There is no appeal process. Assignment to the community partner clinic and mentor are made by the Admissions Committee.

Decisions for acceptance into the residency program are based on a candidate's desire to advance their skills in geriatric physical therapy and their likelihood of success in a rigorous post-graduate setting.

Final notification of applicants who have been accepted into the Geriatric Residency will be within one month of the interview date and is dependent on the number of applicants who qualify for the interview process.

It is University policy to provide, on a flexible and individualized basis, reasonable accommodations to students who have a documented disability (e.g. physical, learning, psychiatric, vision, hearing, or systemic) that may affect their ability to participate in course activities or to meet course requirements. Residency applicants with disabilities who are requesting special accommodations must do so by filing a written request to the Residency Director, including the specific accommodations requested. If the applicant is accepted into the residency program, they must then contact University of Minnesota Disability Resource Center (DRC) to have a confidential discussion of their individual needs for accommodations. The DRC is located in Suite 180, McNamara Alumni Center, 200 Oak Street, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Staff can be reached by calling 612/626-1333 (voice or TTY).