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The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia was the first hospital dedicated to the care of children, formed in 1855. Today, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is one of the leading pediatric hospitals and research facilities in the world.

CHOP has been recognized for 5 consecutive years as the nation's best pediatric hospital by both Child Magazine and U.S. News and World Report.

CHOP is the only Level I pediatric trauma center in South Eastern Pennsylvania and serves as a regional, national and international referral source for patients requiring cutting edge medical, surgical, and rehabilitative care.



Our Department

The department of physical therapy strives to be a world leader in the practice and advancement of physical therapy by combining socially responsible family centered patient care, high quality professional education, and innovative clinical research.

Over 60 full and part time physical therapists provide care to patients across the health care system at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. This system includes the acute care hospital, inpatient rehabilitation program, day hospital, and outpatient rehabilitation which spans main campus, 6 Specialty Care Centers between Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and over 20 specialty clinics. The department includes over 30 ABPTS certified clinical specialists in Neurology, Orthopedics, Pediatrics and Sports Medicine as well as over 30 APTA credentialed clinical instructors. The core faculty have over 80 years of combined clinical and teaching experience.

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**Department of
Physical Therapy
Pediatric Residency
Program**



The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is credentialed by The American Physical Therapy Association as a post-professional clinical residency program for physical therapists in pediatrics.



American Physical Therapy Association
The Science of Healing. The Art of Caring.™

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The Pediatric Residency Program

The Department of Physical Therapy's Pediatric Residency Program is a post-professional clinical and didactic education program, designed to significantly advance the physical therapist resident's preparation as a practitioner of choice in the field of pediatric physical therapy.

The program combines opportunities for ongoing clinical mentoring with a scientific basis for advanced practice. At the end of the experience, the resident will be academically and clinically prepared to pass the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialist (ABPTS) Pediatric Clinical Specialist Examination.

Applicants must have at least 1 year of experience as a licensed PT, with at least 6 months in pediatrics. Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited DPT program and hold a current license in Pennsylvania, and be eligible for licensure in New Jersey.

Application materials can be found at:
www.chop.edu/pt
search: resources for professionals

Our Mission

The mission of the Department of Physical Therapy's Pediatric Residency Program is to create practitioners of choice who are specialists in the field of pediatric physical therapy. The residency program will develop expert clinicians with advanced skills in critical and innovative thinking as well as patient centered, evidence-based and autonomous practice. Graduates will exemplify professionalism, compassion, accountability, altruism, integrity, ethical conduct, and social responsibility and will contribute to the profession and to health care through their leadership, clinical excellence, teaching, consultative activities, and active pursuit of research and lifelong learning.

The LEND Program

The Resident will also participate in the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) program. The LEND program involves a core curriculum, community education and liaison program, family collaboration program elective, interdisciplinary clinical programs and a mentored research project. The LEND program is supported by a grant from the Federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau.



Program Goals:

Graduates of the Pediatric Residency Program will:

1. Demonstrate the ability to provide state of the art, evidence-based, family centered, culturally sensitive care
2. Possess advanced skills in clinical decision making and critical inquiry
3. Deliver clinical excellence and demonstrate broad expertise in all areas of pediatric physical therapy
4. Exhibit professional and interpersonal skills necessary to be an effective leader
5. Serve as a resource for the pediatric professional community
6. Effectively educate colleagues and physical therapy students in the area of pediatric physical therapy
7. Consume scientific literature and demonstrate the ability to contribute to the body of evidence in physical therapy
8. Be academically and clinically prepared to pass the pediatric clinical specialist certification by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties
9. Demonstrate professional core values and growth through mentorship, continuing education, and clinical and academic lifelong learning
10. Be recognized as a practitioner of choice in the field of pediatric health care

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