



Pediatric Physical Therapy Residency Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can you provide more information about the program's curriculum?

Clinical practice: Patient care is organized into rotations differentiated by their areas of clinical practice within pediatrics. The clinical rotations include early intervention (home-based and center-based), school system, outpatient settings, inpatient rehabilitation, and acute care. Residents receive one-to-one mentorship from expert clinicians during each clinical rotation. Residents will be exposed to various practice models through a combination of clinical experiences at Kennedy Krieger Institute and The University of Maryland Medical System's Children's Hospital.

Didactic and scholarly education: Didactic activities are interspersed throughout the residency program and are integrated into each clinical practice site rotation. Residents will:

- Participate in independent study and interactive learning modules with experts in the field of pediatric physical therapy. Learning modules cover a broad range of study, including foundations of development and pediatric physical therapy, diagnosis-specific care, special therapeutic interventions and topics, clinical problem solving, evidence-based practice, and the clinical research process.
- Participate in interdisciplinary education through Kennedy Krieger Institute's Maternal and Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) program, which seeks to prepare health professionals for the care of children and adolescents with neurodevelopmental disabilities, and to be leaders in their respective fields of practice.
- Participate in PT department professional development trainings and have the opportunity to attend grand rounds and other professional lectures provided by Kennedy Krieger and its partners.

Teaching opportunities: Teaching activities are interspersed throughout the residency program and are integrated into each clinical rotation. Residents will:

- Prepare and present scholarly in-service presentations for Kennedy Krieger Institute and the University of Maryland Medical System physical therapy staffs.
- Prepare and teach pediatric lectures and labs in the DPT program at University of Maryland. The resident will also assist with various student assignments/assessments.

Evidence-Based Project: Residents will propose and complete a year-long, evidence-based project that is suitable for submission for publication to a peer-reviewed journal, or as poster at a state, or national conference.

2. How many hours will I be working a week?

The resident will be scheduled to work approximately 45 hours/week between clinical patient care, didactics, and evidence-based projects. However, the exact number of hours per week will vary depending on the needs of each clinical site and didactic requirements in that week. There will also be additional time required outside of regular working hours in order for you to complete readings and assignments, prepare for teaching presentations, and to work on your evidence-based project.

3. Do I have to pay for any courses?

The resident will not have to pay for any lectures that are designated requirements of the residency program.

4. Will I have access to a library?

The resident will have free access to Welch Medical Library at Johns Hopkins. The collection covers health, the practice of medicine and related biomedical and allied health care disciplines, public health and related disciplines, nursing, research literature, methodological literature, reviews or state-of-the-art reports, and in-depth, authoritative analyses of areas influencing biomedicine and health care. The library's emphasis is on providing materials at point of need. As a result, the collection includes more than 5000 electronic journals, more than 400 databases, and more than 2000 electronic books.

5. What is the salary for the program?

As full-time trainees of Kennedy Krieger Institute, PT residents will receive a salary for their time in the residency program. The salary amount partially depends on the number of years of experience the resident has had as a licensed PT, but all resident salaries will be at least \$62,000.

6. Will I have any special privileges at Johns Hopkins Hospital?

The resident will be granted a Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine research appointment, which will enable him/her access to additional (optional) courses offered by the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

7. Will I have medical benefits?

The resident will be a full-time trainee of Kennedy Krieger Institute and will have medical and dental benefits. Premiums are paid for by the physical therapy department. Medical and dental insurance can also be provided for spouses or dependents, but the cost for these is the responsibility of the resident.

8. Is housing provided?

Housing is not provided, and residents are responsible for finding their own housing while in Baltimore. We can provide you with a list of housing options in the area.