

# Wisconsin Physical Therapy Residency Programs

This resource is intended to be a concise reference for ABPTRFE accredited programs within the state of Wisconsin. See individual program's links for additional information.



## Madison Wisconsin VA Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Residency

### INFORMATION

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#### Affiliations:

- ★ University of Wisconsin – Madison
- ★ VA Hospital Madison

#### Clinical Locations

- ★ William S Middleton VA Hospital
- ★ American Family Children's Hospital

### PROGRAM DETAILS

Number of Residents Annually Accepted: 1  
New Graduates Accepted: Yes  
Experienced PTs Accepted: Yes

Start Date: August  
Length of Program: 12 Months  
Application Due Date: May 1st  
Interviews: May  
Cost of Program: N/A  
Resident Compensation: ~\$43,000  
Clinic Caseload: Full Time, 30 clinical hours/week

Additional Experiences: Teaching Assistant duties for UW Madison PT School  
Cardiopulmonary PT Course from September through December

## **LINKS**

ABPTRFE Madison VA Cardiopulmonary Profile:

<http://www.abptrfe.org/APTA/ABPTRFE/ListingReport.aspx?id=0x010000008e5f9d1d865897fef07ab5743d2a5e8906a8614dd8722633&type=Residency>

Madison VA Cardiopulmonary Residency

<http://www.madison.va.gov/services/pt-2016-residency-20151228121210.pdf>

### **What do you feel differentiates the Madison VA residency from other similar programs?**

- We offer a great opportunity for professional development towards clinical education with the role our resident plays as a teaching assistant for a graduate level physical therapy course.
- We offer a broad spectrum of severity and complexity within our cardiopulmonary patients (Heart and lung transplantation, LVAD, Respiratory failure, heart failure and Early ICU Mobilization) producing a solid foundation applicable in many rehab environments.
- Our affiliation with the University of Wisconsin Children's Hospital allows our resident to experience training in a very specialized Pediatric Cardiopulmonary Population.

## Milwaukee VA Medical Center Neurologic Residency Program

### INFORMATION

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#### Affiliations:

- ★ Marquette University
- ★ Zablocki VA medical Center

#### Clinical Locations

- ★ Milwaukee, WI

### PROGRAM DETAILS

Number of Residents Annually Accepted: 3  
New Graduates Accepted: Yes  
Experienced PTs Accepted: Yes

Start Date: **L, >7B006F0H@90**

Length of Program: **12 Months**

Application Due Date: **4>7B006F 1ff 9@ =D**

Interviews: **March**

Cost of Program: **@7F: >7B F??09/, 9. CF?F !% 1F : 8- 40/ISO 74 9-F 00492G**  
~\$150 for personal liability insurance

Resident Compensation: **\$43,000 annually (full-time employee benefits)**

Clinic Caseload: **Full Time, about 30 clinical hours/week expected**

Additional Experiences: **Teaching at Marquette University (at least 2 lectures + lab supervisor) and community (CE courses, webinars, support groups, brown bag lunches, etc.), monthly regional journal club, optional involvement in adaptive sports (skiing, rock climbing, scuba, kayaking, w/c lacrosse, quad rugby, etc.), optional pro bono clinic mentoring of students**

**Milwaukee VA Medical Center  
Neurologic Residency Program  
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Milwaukee VA Medical Center Neurologic Residency Program, in affiliation with Marquette University page: [https://www.milwaukee.va.gov/careers/Physical\\_Therapy\\_Neurologic\\_Residency\\_Program.asp](https://www.milwaukee.va.gov/careers/Physical_Therapy_Neurologic_Residency_Program.asp)

**What do you feel differentiates the Marquette University & Zablocki VA Neurological Residency from other similar programs?**

Our residency program provides participants with the opportunity to work with veterans for a year across the continuum of care: from acute and inpatient rehabilitation, to outpatient neuro, including a 4 month rotation through the spinal cord center. Having 3 residents at a time and mentors who have also gone through the residency program provides a natural support system. Teaching opportunities at Marquette and in the community are highly sought after experiences, as are the variety of volunteer opportunities available – see “additional opportunities” for more information.

# Gundersen Medical Foundation Sports Residency

## INFORMATION

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### Affiliations:

- ★ University of Wisconsin – La Crosse
- ★ Gundersen Lutheran Healthcare

### Clinical Locations

- ★ Gundersen Lutheran Healthcare,  
La Crosse, WI

## PROGRAM DETAILS

Number of Residents Annually Accepted: 2  
New Graduates Accepted: Yes  
Experienced PTs Accepted: Yes

Start Date: July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Length of Program: 12 Months  
Application Due Date: December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Interviews: February  
Cost of Program: N/A  
Resident Compensation: \$42,500  
Clinic Caseload: .5 FTE Independent Caseload

Additional Experiences: 1:1 clinical mentoring, teaching / lab assistant UWL DPT Program / athletic event coverage / planned advanced didactic curriculum / MD Clinic / Sx observation / clinical research

## **LINKS**

ABPTRFE Profile

<http://www.abptrfe.org/APTA/ABPTRFE/ListingReport.aspx?id=0x0100000020e66e1f9a8e6505de5bd32431ee67e4e974e2380cbc3f79&type=Residency>

Gundersen Health Residency

<http://www.gundersenhealth.org/medical-education/residency-programs/sports-physical-therapy>

**What do you feel differentiates the Gundersen Medical Foundation Sports Residency from other similar programs?**

Our program prides itself on its affiliation with the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse program in Physical Therapy to provide our residents the opportunity to gain experience in teaching entry level DPT students and with the resources available to complete a clinical research project during the course of their residency training. We are currently completing our 20<sup>th</sup> year of residency education and provide an advanced level of clinical mentoring in all aspects of Sports Physical Therapy.

## INFORMATION

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### Affiliations:

- ★ University of Wisconsin - Madison
- ★ UW Health

### Clinical Locations

- ★ Madison, WI

## PROGRAM DETAILS

Number of Residents Annually Accepted: 2  
New Graduates Accepted: Yes  
Experienced PTs Accepted: Yes

Start Date: July 1<sup>st</sup>

Length of Program: 14 Months

Application Due Date: December 15<sup>th</sup> (this can vary- check website for updated info)

Interviews: February

Cost of Program: \$2000 administrative fee due prior to starting

Resident Compensation: 70% of new grad starting pay

Clinic Caseload: Full time with about 30-32 clinical hours/wk + 3 or more training room/  
event coverage hours

Additional Experiences: Training room and event coverage (primarily at large  
area HS, opportunities for covering marathon, Ironman, rugby/soccer/  
lacrosse/ultimate tournaments, some TA / lab assistant experience, research /  
testing opportunities with UW athletes



## LINKS

ABPTRFE Profile

<http://www.abptrfe.org/APTA/ABPTRFE/ListingReport.aspx?id=0x010000005a55fa1944d0e4b265d906d212e83c099a67369bc1f8418e&type=Residency>

University of Wisconsin Sports Residency

<http://www.uwhealth.org/health-professionals/internships/sports-medicine-physical-therapy-residency/sports-physical-therapy-residency/37176>

**What do you feel differentiates the University of Wisconsin Sports Residency from other similar programs?**

Our curriculum is built on the pillars of our 8 specialty clinics – Runners, Cyclists, Swimmers, Throwers, Dance, Golf, Concussion, and Spectrum. Learning experiences with our staff and analyzing movement patterns for these and other activities is an important foundation for learning to be a Sports PT. Additionally, mentoring (both formal and informal) from our faculty, colleagues, and physicians helps accelerate career development.

## INFORMATION

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### Affiliations:

- ★ Concordia University Wisconsin
- ★ Aurora Healthcare

### Clinical Locations

- ★ Milwaukee, WI
- ★ Wauwatosa, WI
- ★ Grafton, WI

## PROGRAM DETAILS

Number of Residents Annually Accepted: 2 (2016-2017)  
New Graduates Accepted: Yes  
Experienced PTs Accepted: Yes

Start Date: August 1<sup>st</sup>  
Length of Program: 12 Months  
Application Due Date: See ABPTRFE Program Profile  
Interviews: Case by case basis  
Cost of Program: \$15,000  
Resident Compensation: Hourly- commensurate with experience  
Clinic Caseload: 90% of Full Time

Additional Experiences: Clinical observation, teaching

## LINKS

ABPTRFE Profile

<http://www.abptrfe.org/APTA/ABPTRFE/ListingReport.aspx?id=0x0100000d7026900330077b728d893a02cdc362be6e8affd18fa224b&type=Residency>

RFPTCAS Application

<https://rfptcas.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>

Aurora Sports Medicine Institute

[www.aurora.org/sports](http://www.aurora.org/sports)

What do you feel differentiates the Concordia Orthopedic Residency from other similar programs?

Residents will take advantage of CUW and Aurora Health Care facilities and learning opportunities.

# University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics & Meriter Hospital Orthopedic Residency

## INFORMATION

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### Affiliations:

- ✦ University of Wisconsin- Madison
- ✦ UW Health, Meriter Hospital

### Clinical Locations

- ✦ Madison, WI

## PROGRAM DETAILS

Number of Residents Annually Accepted: 3-6 depending upon which affiliated private practices can support a resident

New Graduates Accepted: Yes

Experienced PTs Accepted: Yes

Start Date: Late June/Early July depending on New Employee Orientation Calendar

Length of Program: 50 weeks

Application Due Date: January 5<sup>th</sup>

Interviews: February or March

Cost of Program: \$2000 administrative fee. Residents placed at affiliated sites have an additional curricular fee. Payment of this fee is negotiated with the affiliated site employer as to who will pay it.

Resident Compensation: 70% full time salary which reflects 70% patient care (the remainder of the appointment is 30% didactic)

Clinic Caseload: 70%

Additional Experiences: Case presentations x4; Final case presentation both written to publishable quality and orally presented; Lab assistant at UW Madison PT School; Observation of specialty clinics

## LINKS

ABPTRFE Profile

<http://www.abptrfe.org/APTA/ABPTRFE/ListingReport.aspx?id=0x0100000046c2d534670b48f0f186f9a4ca01dcdb95d9e0d8ba8dcd8&type=Residency>

UW Health Orthopedics Site

<http://www.uwhealth.org/orthopedics/main/31897>

**What do you feel differentiates the University of Wisconsin & Meriter Residency from other similar programs?**

The collaboration among academic teaching hospital (UW), community hospital (Meriter), and private practices (Advanced, New Life, and Sports & Spine) allows residents to investigate many different aspects of patient management, but also administration of physical therapy services. Our faculty and mentors are involved in the APTA from local to national posts providing residents additional opportunities for professional development. As a program that has been accredited for 15 years, we have many past residents who are involved in teaching, mentoring, and leadership within our program.

# Bellin Health Orthopedic Physical Therapy Residency Program in Partnership with Evidence in Motion

## INFORMATION

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### Affiliations:

- ✦ Evidence in Motion (EIM)
- ✦ Bellin Memorial Hospital

### Clinical Locations

- ✦ Green Bay, WI

## PROGRAM DETAILS

Number of Residents Annually Accepted: 2

New Graduates Accepted: Yes

Experienced PTs Accepted: Yes

Start Date: January

Length of Program: 18 months total

Application Due Date: Last Friday of October

Cost of Program: roughly \$4,200

Resident Compensation: 90% annual entry level for duration of Residency

Clinic Caseload: Starts at 32 hours per week moving to 40 hours per week after passing board exam

Additional Experiences: Added cost only if resident needs to travel to attend weekend intestine courses missed at Bellin Health facility.

Additional Application Information: The application is updated and issued annually; includes short answer questions. We perform interviews for interested applicants. Annual presentations for students at Concordia Carroll, UW-Milwaukee and Marquette Universities. We are willing to present to any program that is willing to have us in.

**Bellin Health Orthopedic Physical Therapy  
Residency Program in Partnership with Evidence in Motion  
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## LINKS

Evidence in Motion Site

<http://www.evidenceinmotion.com/educational-offerings/course/orthopaedic-physical-therapy-residency/>

Bellin Program Site

[https://www.bellin.org/services\\_programs/therapy-services/professional-education](https://www.bellin.org/services_programs/therapy-services/professional-education)

### What do you feel differentiates the Bellin Residency Program from other similar programs?

Bellin's residency focus is on rapidly developing entry-level therapists to become skilled, proficient and independent Doctors of Physical Therapy working on their quest to become a master clinician. By the time they have completed the residency they will be significantly farther ahead than their peers at a similar time frame in the skillful implementation of evidence based practice and clinical reasoning including consistent use of manual therapy in treating a wide range of orthopedic conditions.

Bellin's residency and fellowship program is led by a team of Fellowship-trained therapists, one of which is dedicated to clinical quality and our residency. At a minimum, Bellin has four individuals completing the residency or fellowship training on a continual basis (new residents and current employees). Further, we employ over eleven individuals that have completed formal residency or fellowship training, a number that continues to grow annually. Finally, Bellin implements a development program for all of its employees based around a consistent clinical framework. The outcome is a clinical culture of excellence that is the expectation for all, not the exception. Residents are immersed in this culture.

As is the case for all residencies, all mentors are OCS board certified. We currently employ 13 board certified therapists (OCS and SCS). The difference at Bellin is that most have also completed Bellin's residency or Fellowship program. This leads to quality mentoring that is second to none. We also employ four current Fellows of the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy and one Fellow in training, all of which take an active role in mentoring our Residents.

As a Bellin resident you are full time employee of Bellin Health. This means you collect full time benefits including health insurance, paid time off, 401k and other benefits.

The Bellin residency starts during an accepted applicant's final semester of school which allows the entire program to be completed one year after graduation, which is a feature very unique to our setting. Upon completion you are ready to sit for and pass the APTA OCS exam.

# Specialized Physical Therapy Education (SPTE)

## INFORMATION

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**Partnered Locations/Clinics:** <https://spte.wildapricot.org/page-1366412>

- ✦ Ministry Medical Group, Stevens Point, WI
- ✦ Prevea Therapy Institute, Eastern WI
- ✦ Marshfield Clinic West District, Eau Claire, WI
- ✦ Robert's & Associates Physical Therapy, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
- ✦ Dunamis Therapy & Fitness, Thorpe, WI
- ✦ Beaver Dam Community Hospital, Beaver Dam, WI
- ✦ Contact SPTE for other clinics in development or to set up a partnership

## PROGRAM DETAILS

Number of Residents Annually Accepted: 5-10

New Graduates Accepted: Yes

Experienced PTs Accepted: Yes

Start Date: July

Length of Program: 12-18 months

Application Due Date: Dependent upon clinical site

Cost of Program: ~\$10,000 Tuition, mentorship, shared cost or reduced salary options which is dependent upon each clinical affiliation agreement and resident agreement

Resident Compensation: See Cost of Program

Clinic Caseload: 0.75-1.0 FTE- Dependent upon resident and current employer

Additional Experiences: SPTE encourages each individual to be active within their facility, organization and community by building relationships with area medical providers, community programs and developing each resident's personal strengths for life long professional development. Residents often take entry-level students to develop their clinical teaching skills and get involved. Residents are encouraged to continue on after residency graduation as clinical mentors, faculty as well as options to teach both in our distance education courses and hands on courses as a part of the SPTE family.



## LINKS

SPTE Site

[www.specializedpteducation.org](http://www.specializedpteducation.org)

What do you feel differentiates SPTE from other similar programs?

SPTE prides itself on developing clinical partners to improve the access of orthopaedic residency education in the greater Midwest area. Our multi-site program assists independent clinics and facilities in creating a traditional style residency program for continued staff development to provide collaborative care and communication. Here residents have the opportunity to work with residents from a variety of environments while still receiving the most up to date clinical evidence and skills through top notch mentorship and educational opportunities. Come be a part of the SPTE family today!

## **INFORMATION**

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### **Partnered Locations/Clinics:**

- ✦ Bellin Health, Green Bay, WI
- ✦ Kinexcare clinics (<http://kinexcare.com>)

## **PROGRAM DETAILS**

Specialties: Orthopedic, Sports, Neurologic

Start Date: Ortho/Sports- January, March, July, September

Neuro- January, September

Length of Program: 12-18 months depending on the plan of study chosen

Application Due Date: 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month prior to start date (ie: June 1<sup>st</sup> for July start)

Interviews: Conducted with host site as part of interview process. EIM does not employ their residents

Cost of Program:

Resident Compensation: Variable based on location and determined by host site. Salary range from 2/3 to full salary; may require post-residency commitment.

Clinic Caseload: 36-40 hours depending on location and residency structure

Additional Experiences: \$100 application fee; Travel to weekend sites. There are currently 15 different locations around the country with sites located in WI see the map of the locations here: <http://batchgeo.com/map/WIsites>

LINKS

*Neuro residency -*

<http://www.abptrfe.org/APTA/ABPTRFE/Listing.aspx?type=Residency&navID=10737432675>

*Ortho and Sports, please apply directly with EIM. Contact Admissions for a discount code to waive the application fee.*

*-Additional:*

[http://www.evidenceinmotion.com/educational-offerings/course\\_cat/residencies/](http://www.evidenceinmotion.com/educational-offerings/course_cat/residencies/)

Orthopedic:

<http://www.evidenceinmotion.com/educational-offerings/course/orthopaedic-physical-therapy-residency/>

Sports:

<http://www.evidenceinmotion.com/educational-offerings/course/sports-physical-therapy-residency/>

Neuro:

<http://www.neurorti.com/educational-offerings/course/neurologic-physical-therapy-residency/>

### **What do you feel differentiates EIM from other similar programs?**

What sets EIM apart is threefold: Faculty, Approach, and flexibility.

EIM's prides itself on associating with the content experts in our field. Rather than being limited to learning from only a few individuals within your residency organization, EIM connects its learners with the experts in the field. We have more than 50 faculty who teach for us, so you are always guaranteed to learn from the best there is. You will also have different faculty for each course. For example, the Radiology course is taught by Mike Ross (former JOSPT MSK Imaging Editor) and our Fellowship Clinical Decision Making course is taught by Barb Stevens and Tim Fearon, Master clinicians who trained with Geoff Maitland. Some of our other distinguished faculty are Tim Flynn, John Childs, Rob Wainner, Julie Whitman, Bob Boyles, Mike Walker, Paul Mintken, Jason Rodeghero, and the list goes on. I do not mean to name drop here, but these faculty are the life blood of EIM and are all humble in their own respects and all have a passion for teaching and moving the profession forward.

The second is our approach, which is largely eclectic. EIM believes that manual therapy should and needs to be taught to the masses. It is not something that should be placed on a pedestal and reserved for only the elite. Our approach is evidence based and founded on Maitland principles, however, it incorporates and borrows from many other schools of thought including MDT, Mulligan, Gibbons and Teyhen, etc. This way you will be a well-rounded clinician.

Last, it is our flexibility. Our programs are 80-90% online and allow our students to live, work, and learn in a location of their choosing. We have Weekend Courses around the country for the hands-on lab portion, so there is always a location relatively close by. The on-line learning is interactive and engaging and truly practice changing. Not only are you learning from a world-class faculty but you are also learning from other colleagues from around the country. It is a really cool thing to see our students create bonds with other clinicians from around the country.