

Curriculum

The curriculum will be based on the most recent **Description of Specialty Practice (DSP) in Neurologic Physical Therapy** from the American Physical Therapy Association.

Clinical time will be spent primarily in the inpatient hospital with the brain injury, spinal cord injury and stroke teams. Clinical experiences will also occur in the adult and pediatric outpatient settings. While in each specialty area the resident will build clinical reasoning skills enhanced through clinical mentoring time with an expert neurologic therapist, as well as dedicated time for didactic education to gain specialty-specific knowledge and skills. Dedicated time will also be spent engaging in a clinical research project with a GVSU faculty mentor and collaborator. Residents will have the opportunity to gain teaching experience working in Grand Valley State University DPT program neurologic lab and classroom settings.

Supplemental professional development activities include clinical observation in multiple specialty clinics (post-concussion clinic, MD clinic, ALS clinic) and observation of specialty rehabilitation services (OrthoSEAT, adaptive technology, orthotics and prosthetics, videofluoroscopy swallowing study, Motion Analysis Center).

Term

Michigan Physical Therapy license required before starting. The term is one year and runs approximately Labor Day to Labor Day.

Employment

The resident will have full-time status as a Mary Free Bed employee, which includes [full-time benefits](#). The resident also will be appointed Guest Scholar at Grand Valley State University, which will include access to all university resources (library resources and databases, statistical consulting center, blackboard and research laboratories).

Recipient Selection

A Residency Selection Committee will select recipients based on the established criteria. An interview with the Residency Selection Committee is required for all candidates.

Completion

The resident will receive a certificate of physical therapy residency completion from Grand Valley State University and Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital.

