



Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Neurologic Occupational Therapy Fellowship

What is unique about Mary Free Bed's Occupational Therapy Fellowship Program?

Mary Free Bed's Neurologic Occupational Therapy Fellowship provides an advanced post-professional clinical training for occupational therapists; designed to further develop expertise through exposure to education, research, and multidisciplinary clinical environments.

Fellows will:

- Complete three inpatient clinical rotations with patients who have experienced brain injury, spinal cord injury, and stroke and one outpatient clinical rotation working with patients with neurologic conditions. In each specialty area, the fellow will build clinical reasoning skills enhanced through dedicated mentoring time with an expert neurologic occupational therapist.
- Participate in many supplemental professional development activities including clinical observation in multiple specialty clinics (post-concussion, ALS, orthoSEAT).
- Lead monthly journal clubs to engage the rehabilitation team in evidence-based practice and case reviews to explore occupational profiling, decision-making and application of research into a current clinical case.
- Further their specialty-specific knowledge through carefully cultivated didactic content supported with expert mentoring sessions, supported continuing education opportunities as well as dedicated time spent engaging in a scientific inquiry project on an area of the fellow's interest.
- Gain teaching experience while partnering with Western Michigan University as an adjunct faculty member and volunteer in WMU's Adult Neuro Clinic.

When does the program begin? What is the length of the program?

The MFB Neurologic OT Fellowship is a 52-week program that begins and ends in September, annually.

When is the application deadline? Is an interview required for applicants?

Applications are due February 15 with interview being held in March. Yes, top candidates will be selected for an interview (in-person as available or video-conference as needed).

Are fellows paid during the program?

Yes! Fellows will be a Mary Free Bed employee and are eligible for full-time benefits and paid time off.

What is a typical schedule for the fellow?

During a typical week, the fellow completes clinical care hours in the mornings, Monday through Friday, 0730-12noon. The afternoons are available for various fellowship opportunities and commitments: time spent working with Western Michigan University, specialty observations, didactic curriculum, expert mentoring sessions, and time working on their scientific inquiry project. The fellow is expected to work one weekend day every four weeks from December-August.

Where do fellows practice during the program?

Fellows rotate through 3 inpatient rotations (Stroke, Brain Injury, and Spinal Cord Injury) and 1 outpatient rotation (treating various neurologic diagnoses) at Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital, Grand Rapids campus.

Are applicants required to have their OT license?

Yes. All fellows must have a Michigan OT license prior to the fellowship start date.

Who can applicants contact for additional information?

Please contact: OTfellowship@maryfreebed.com.