

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Please visit our website for Residency dates and further information on the application process.

[www.francis.edu/DiSepioResidency.htm](http://www.francis.edu/DiSepioResidency.htm)

**Application deadline: February 15**

**Residency dates:**

September 1 to August 31 (12 months)

## PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

The Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency Program is offered as a partnership between the DiSepio Institute for Rural Health and Wellness at Saint Francis University and Allegheny Chesapeake Physical Therapy, Inc. The resident will be an employee of Allegheny Chesapeake Physical Therapy and will complete all non-mentored clinical practice hours at said facility as well as some mentored practice. Additional mentored clinical practice, as well as all instructional and educational experiences, will take place at the DiSepio Institute for Rural Health and Wellness or via video teleconferencing/web-based interactive experiences.

Additional affiliation agreements with clinical sites for the residency program will be considered on an individual basis.



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# ORTHOPAEDIC PHYSICAL THERAPY RESIDENCY PROGRAM



**DiSepio Institute for Rural  
Health and Wellness at  
Saint Francis University  
Loretto, PA**



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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency Program supports the Mission of Saint Francis University by providing quality education, clinical, and research opportunities. The University environment, the DiSepio Institute for Rural Health and Wellness, and the Faculty-Student Practice foster the gathering of knowledge to allow for application of evidence-based skills through various learning activities and experiences. Achievement of the goals listed below allows the resident to become a leader in the community and provide advanced knowledge, skills, and professional behavior that will shape the future of physical therapy.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The DiSepio Institute for Rural Health and Wellness at Saint Francis University Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency Program is designed to advance the knowledge and skills of the resident in five (5) main areas:

- Critical Inquiry/Evidence-Based Practice
- Educational/Consultation
- Advanced Clinical Skills
- Foundational and Clinical Sciences
- Health Promotion, Fitness, and Wellness

This program is designed to prepare the resident to take the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS) examination in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy.

## CURRICULUM

The program is 12 months in length beginning each year in September. A typical week in the Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency Program includes 2-4 hours of mentored practice, 30-35 hours of non-mentored practice, up to 10 hours of lab instruction and educational experiences, and 6 hours of other didactic work including self-study.

## PROGRAM GOALS

- To provide an opportunity to develop advanced clinical skills for evaluating and treating patients/clients with orthopaedic injuries
- To provide an opportunity to acquire the knowledge necessary to successfully complete the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties Examination in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy
- To provide an opportunity to observe other health professionals to effectively manage orthopaedic injuries
- To participate in a multi-disciplined team approach to effectively manage orthopaedic injuries
- To provide an opportunity to participate in research related to orthopaedic physical therapy.



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## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Preferred applicants are physical therapists who are interested in a career in orthopaedic physical therapy. Previous clinical experiences in orthopaedic physical therapy as well as research experience are preferred.

### Applicants must also possess:

- Current (or eligible) physical therapy licensure in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Malpractice insurance.

## ACCREDITATION

The DiSepio Institute for Rural Health and Wellness at Saint Francis University Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency Program is credentialed by the American Physical Therapy Association as a post professional residency program for physical therapists in orthopaedic physical therapy.

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