

UCA/ACH/Allied Therapy and Consulting Services
Pediatric Physical Therapy Residency Program

The University of Central Arkansas, in cooperation with Arkansas Children's Hospital and Allied Therapy and Consulting Services, is pleased to offer a residency in Pediatric Physical Therapy.

Through participation in an intensive period of study incorporating both clinical and didactic opportunities, residents will be provided the opportunity to advance skill and knowledge related to Pediatric Physical Therapy. The curriculum includes clinical opportunities in a variety of pediatric practice opportunities covering the spectrum of pediatric therapy for both the acute care setting and community based therapy. Included as well in the curriculum are didactic courses designed to advance the resident's knowledge of core issues related to pediatric practice patterns. The curriculum is designed to prepare participants for the Pediatric Specialist Certification examination.

The Pediatric Physical Therapy residency runs for 12 consecutive months. The resident will receive practice opportunities in acute and community-based settings. Two residents will be accepted to participate in the Program each year. The residents will be employed in a part-time status by either Arkansas Children's Hospital or Allied Therapy and Consulting Services. Participation in the program will allow direct unsupervised patient care 50 percent of the time spent at a facility with the other 50 percent of the time to include supervised/mentored direct and indirect patient care activities. Didactic coursework will be incorporated as well to enhance learning opportunities.

Curriculum Outline

Over a 52 week period, each resident receives:

390 Hours of didactic component

695 Hours of mentored clinical activity

1080 Instructional Hours

500 Hours of independent related clinical practice

During this residency, residents will choose from didactic coursework for a total of 9 graduate credit hours to enhance skills in incorporating advanced knowledge and skills in pediatric practice.