



Greetings DPT Colleagues,

Congratulations on earning your DPT! The following letter is written to now assist you to plan for the next steps in your professional journey. Contrary to some beliefs, Orthopaedic Residency does not require any prerequisite specialized clinical experience. As a licensed physical therapist you can apply. Also, Orthopaedic Residency now serves as a great **general residency** to prepare you for further specialization in any specialty area of practice. I am pleased to announce that there are now Residencies where you would be fully employed; receiving full salary and benefits while some employers are even paying for CEU approved Residency training with their return-on-investment being your readiness for anticipated outcome-based reimbursement guidelines associated with health care reform initiatives. This residency is generalized to human movement and function and is therefore generic and applicable to all practice environments where it serves as a great practical experience to follow your DPT. To accrue required mentoring hours, our distance based residency program allows you to attend live, on-line weekly, one-on-one mentoring sessions with me, usually held on Wednesday afternoons/evenings. Likewise, I personally teach four of the required live, in-person didactic/practical seminars listed at [www.SportsMedicineofAtlanta.com](http://www.SportsMedicineofAtlanta.com).

Some of you may wish to explore our Residency opportunities without committing fully to Residency by taking one of our required weekend CEU seminars before officially applying? Check [www.SportsMedicineofAtlanta.com](http://www.SportsMedicineofAtlanta.com) to see the current listings for our didactic/practical seminars. Currently we are offering the following seminars:

1. ***“Achieving Optimal Functional Outcomes: Lower Extremity and Lumbar Spine Clinical Biomechanics for all Practice Environments”***;
2. ***“Achieving Optimal Functional Outcomes: Upper Extremity, Thoracic and Cervical Spine Clinical Biomechanics for all Practice Environments”***;
3. ***“Differential Diagnosis and Medical Screening for all Practice Environments”***;
4. ***“Consumer Self-Referral in Action: Advanced Keys to Collaborative Practice and Diversified Reimbursement Opportunities”***

Seminar tuition is \$445 and you can register by simply visiting [www.SportsMedicineofAtlanta.com](http://www.SportsMedicineofAtlanta.com); these seminars are not prerequisite to Residency, but are immediately available to get you started. Any of these weekend seminars would count toward Residency if you eventually apply and get accepted. Likewise, these seminars count toward your State’s continued competency requirements.

Cost of the SportsMedicine of Atlanta’s Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency Program is \$5400. This cost includes \$400 for the distance-based APTA Orthopaedic Section’s didactic curriculum CD format for courses 1-5, and \$445 for each of the

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required four, intensive weekend hands-on courses (described above). The initial tuition costs are \$3220 for the 12 month Residency (usually completed in one year). The four required weekend seminars' tuition are paid on a pay-as-you-go basis (\$445 each X 4 = \$1780). The \$400 Ortho CD curriculum costs are paid by the Resident at start-up along with the \$3220 one-year tuition. Costs associated with travel are not included and are the responsibility of the Resident.

Upon graduation of this Residency, you are ready for the Orthopaedic Clinical Specialist (awarded "OCS") and Direct Access Certified (awarded "DAC") exams and eligible to then apply for Fellowship (FAAOMPT) if you desire where the Orthopaedic Manual Therapy Fellowship is also available via this distant based learning model.

Please let me know how I can best assist you.

Best regards,  
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