

Current Fellowship Program Sites

with Approved, Candidate/Provisional, or Applicant programs

Agile Physical Therapy
Boston Children's Hospital
Brooks Institute of Higher Learning
Carolinas Medical Center
Casa Colina Hospital and Centers for Healthcare
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Children's Hospital Colorado
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Cincinnati
VA Medical Center
Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Creighton University
Duke University Hospital
Durham Veterans Affairs Health Care System
FOX Rehabilitation
Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network
Hospital for Special Surgery
Houston Methodist Hospital
Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital
Institute on Development & Disability (IDD) at
Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) James A.
Haley Veterans' Hospital
Keck Medical Center of Univ. of Southern California M
Health Fairview Hand Therapy
Mayo Clinic – Minnesota
MedStar National Rehabilitation Hospital MossRehab
Nationwide Children's Hospital
NYU Langone Health
OrthoCarolina
Pine Street Physical and Occupational Therapy Shirley
Ryan AbilityLab
Stanford Healthcare
The Johns Hopkins Hospital
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center TIRR
Memorial Hermann
UNC Health Care and NC Jaycee Burn Center
University of Chicago Medical Center
University of Michigan-Michigan Medicine
Univ. of Nebraska Medical Center –
Munroe Meyer Institute



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Build an AOTA-Approved Fellowship Program



The AOTA Fellowship Program

The purpose of the AOTA Fellowship Program is to cultivate and recognize post-professional training programs that advance the knowledge and skills of licensed occupational therapists in focused areas of practice.

The Fellowship Program provides a comprehensive framework within which sponsoring organizations can build or tailor fellowships around significant OT service delivery areas. Every AOTA-affiliated fellowship incorporates the Fellowship Program Learning Objectives (FPLOs) into its curriculum. Based on the AOTA Standards of Continuing Competence developed by the AOTA Commission on Continuing Competence and Professional Development (CCCPD), the FPLOs cover the acquisition of knowledge, skills, and attributes in the following categories: Body of Knowledge, Reasoning and Performance Skills, Ethical Practice Skills, Interpersonal Skills, and Scholarly and/or Professional Activities. Fellowships supplement their FPLO-centered curricula with intensive mentored practice and clinical caseloads in their specific focused area of practice.

This approach to specialty training maximizes fellow exposure to targeted evidence-based research and clinical practice. It also produces unique opportunities for occupational therapists to improve and advance their clinical skills in a salient area of OT practice and to increase their professional marketability as specialized therapists.

Overview of Initial Approval Process

Statement of Intent

Submit for approval to AOTA at least 90 days prior to selected candidacy application due date along with the application deposit.



Candidacy Application

Submit for RFR* review and FPRC** decision along with the balance of the application fee.



Site Visit

Assign 2 RFR members who will report to the FPRC on the program's compliance with the AOTA criteria. Final approval decision by the FPRC. Program invoiced for site visit fee.

Candidacy Application Review Cycles***

Application Due Dates	FPRC Decision Dates
March 1	July 1
July 1	November 1
November 1	March 1

*RFR—Roster of Fellowship Reviewers

**FPRC—Fellowship Program Review Committee

***Dates—All dates refer to business days

See AOTA Fellowship Program Manual of Policies and Procedures for additional details, including information on the current fee schedule.

Meeting the Program Criteria

The AOTA Fellowship Program encourages diversity in program areas and implementation while ensuring the quality of member programs through adaptive program criteria. Programs may be offered in a variety of work settings and built around any viable area of OT practice. Affiliated programs must deliver a minimum of 1,400 program hours as a full-time program within 12 months.

Focused Areas of Practice

Acute and Critical Care
Assistive Technology
Burns
Dysphagia
Gerontology
Hand Therapy
Hand & Upper Extremity
Lymphedema
Mental Health
Neurology
Pediatrics
Physical Rehabilitation

A successful candidate program will:

1. Have a well-developed curriculum that incorporates didactic and clinical instruction;
2. Provide a minimum of 25% of the total program hours as mentored practice;
3. Offer content and learning experiences to ensure graduates are able to meet the AOTA Fellowship Program Learning Objectives around knowledge acquisition, reasoning and performance skills, ethical practice skills, and interpersonal skills;
4. Utilize a 360° program evaluation plan to consistently monitor its effectiveness; and
5. Demonstrate its sponsoring organization has provided the necessary resources for success, including adequate learning facilities, qualified mentoring and instructional staff, financial support, and malpractice insurance for Fellows.