OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
PHYSICAL REHABILITATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

CASA COLINA
Hospital and Centers for Healthcare

ABOUT US

Casa Colina is a unique rehabilitation hospital that provides state-of-the-art technologies, breakthrough rehabilitation techniques, and an unsurpassed continuum of care. It is an ideal environment for clinicians to advance patient care skills, learning from fellow therapists with advanced training and experience. Casa Colina understands how important it is to nurture the skills of future rehabilitative care providers. We believe that we have a duty to create an educational environment that fosters learning and promotes scholarship.

Our Occupational Therapy Physical Rehabilitation Fellowship Program provides advanced knowledge and skill in a focused clinical environment. The coursework provides training in clinical examination, decision-making, and treatment skills. It is designed to accelerate a therapists professional development while allowing them to achieve clinical excellence in all aspects of patient care. The program offers a full year of advanced clinical and research practice with extensive mentorship, education, and reflection. The Casa Colina Occupational Therapy Physical Rehabilitation Fellowship is an Approved Site by the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).

HOW TO APPLY	DUE
Applications are available at: **casacolina.org/OTFellowship**	APRIL **1**



WHAT WE OFFER

The Occupational Therapy Physical Rehabilitation Fellowship Program at Casa Colina offers:

- Mentored 1:1 clinical practice
- Structured learning opportunities, including research
- Didactic coursework
- Paid compensation for all hours of clinical practice as well as time being mentored

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Must obtain a California Occupational Therapy License by July of the year they are seeking fellowship
- Must meet all eligibility requirements to be hired as a practicing occupational therapist at Casa Colina Hospital and Centers for Healthcare. (OT Fellows will be hired as employees of Casa Colina with full benefits, including health insurance and paid time off.)
- Must maintain a current CPR / AED / First Aid certification
- "New graduate" OTs are eligible to apply
- Being a member of AOTA is recommended, but not necessary

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CURRICULUM

APPLICATION DUE
April 1

Applications open on January 1st for the current application year.

Casa Colina enrolled its first OT resident in 2017. We achieved full 10-year accreditation status from AOTA in March 2018. This is a 52-week program that enrolls 3 fellows every July. The application and selection process includes individual and group interviews.





PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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The foundation of the program is over 340 hours of one-on-one mentoring with expert clinicians, interdisciplinary education, teaching, leadership, and ongoing professional development, including:

18-WEEK	17-WEEK	17-WEEK
rotation in inpatient rehabilitation	rotation in the transitional living center	rotation in outpatient neurology

This occurs concurrently with clinical practice as a treating therapist, as the fellow moves through several clinical rotations for 1,600 hours of clinical practice across the continuum of care (32 hours/week), with the potential for 40 hours/week.

Fellows also receive didactic face-to-face education provided from our expert faculty on clinically relevant OT topics, including:

- Biweekly education sessions lead by clinical experts on relevant occupational therapy clinical topics
- Monthly patient handling sessions with mentors
- Participation in learning opportunities in conjunction with physical therapy residents including: Grand Rounds, Journal Club, Motor Control Case Studies, Gait Rounds
- Participation in Home for Life Assessments in conjunction with the city of Pomona

Fellows also participate in clinical research within the Casa Colina Research Institute, helping them gain specialized knowledge in research skills. Program graduates are eligible to sit for the AOTA Board-Certified Physical Rehabilitation Exam.