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**Milwaukee VA Medical Center
Orthopaedic Residency Program
In affiliation with
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee**

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PROGRAM ASSETS

- No Tuition
- 12-month temporary, full-time paid employment with optional health benefits
- Individualized clinical mentoring with expert VA clinicians, including 4 Certified Orthopaedic Clinical Specialists
- A myriad of Didactic Resources, including:
 - o Paid MedBridge account with specialty prep course
 - o In-house Didactic
 - o Ready access to 1000+ research articles, organized by joint and topic
 - o In-house Case Studies (~2 per axial/peripheral joint)
 - o 5 OCS practice tests
 - o Opportunity to supplement study material through AOPT's Residency Curriculum
- Opportunities at University of WI – Milwaukee
 - o Mentorship from UWM's DPT Program staff
 - o Designated Formal Lab Assistant
 - o Guest Lecturer
 - o Cadaver Lab access with Mentor
- Niche experiences:
 - o Dry Needling Training and Certificate of Competency
 - o Temporal Mandibular Disorder specialization and competency
 - o Hand and wrist competency with orthosis training
 - o EXOS observation of blood flow restriction therapeutic intervention



ONE YEAR OUT: REGULAR JOB VS. RESIDENCY

Residency Graduates have:

- Networking contacts:
 - o Local and National VA contacts
 - o University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Faculty
 - o EXOS Staff
 - o Milwaukee Advanced Physical Therapy Staff
 - o Ascension Hospital System contacts
- Strong Resume Building
 - o OCS Certification Ready
 - o Teaching experience
 - o Training for advanced level expertise
 - o Clinical Specialty Skills:
 - o Dry Needling Certification
 - o TMD Specialist
 - o Competent with Hand/Wrist diagnoses and fabrication of simple orthosis

LEARNING AT THE MILWAUKEE VA IN AFFILIATION WITH UWM ORTHO RESIDENCY

Learning occurs as a 3-Part Approach that is flexible and adjusts to the resident's strength and weakness

1. Medbridge: Basic Pathway with clear outline of courses, quizzes, and practice test to monitor progress and learning throughout the year
2. In- House Didactic Module: Joint by Joint/Axial Spine modules with Case Studies and Research Articles, Weekly mentoring sessions, advanced training (TMD, Hand/Wrist, BFR, Dry Needling), 5 OCS Prep Practice Test
 - Optional: Academy of Orthopedic Physical Therapy -Residency Curriculum access
3. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee PT Program A La Carte: Audit any lecture per resident desire, access to library, lab assistant in ortho class, cadaver lab, lectures to ortho class



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