

VA St. Louis Chiropractic Integrated Clinical Practice Residency Program

Application Process

Selection is through a competitive process considering factors such as academic background, relevant experience, personal statement, letters of recommendation, and telephone and/or in-person interviews. A call for applications is issued each year on the first Monday of January. Applications are only accepted during the open call – four weeks starting the first Monday in January.

Forms and instructions can be found at

https://www.rehab.va.gov/PROSTHETICS/chiro/Residency_Programs.asp .

Mission

The Mission of the VA St. Louis Healthcare System (VASTLHCS) Chiropractic Integrated Clinical Practice Residency is to prepare chiropractic residents for clinical practice in hospitals or other medical settings, and/or academia, through hospital-based clinical training, interprofessional education, and scholarly activities.

Program Goals/Objectives

- Goal 1: Residents will acquire postgraduate clinical experience in a hospital-based chiropractic care
 - Residents will provide supervised patient care at satisfactory levels of competence, to a broad population of musculoskeletal cases, most commonly spinal, in the context of collaborative team-based care.
 - Residents will gain experience in managing a range of complex/multimorbidity cases.
- Goal 2: Residents will engage in interprofessional educational experiences with relevant medical, surgical and associated health specialties
 - Residents will complete clinical rotations in primary care, physical medicine and rehabilitation, other relevant medical or surgical specialties, behavioral medicine and other associated health disciplines.
- Goal 3: Residents will participate in scholarly activities to gain experience relevant to integrated practice and/or academia
 - Residents will collaborate with other chiropractic residents to complete online didactic courses and group assignments.

- Residents will attend scholarly presentations among available hospital and/or academic affiliate offerings.
- Residents will engage in research activities, and/or present scholarly material, and/or clinical workshops to staff and/or trainees at VA and/or academic affiliate venues.

Program Faculty

The core faculty members are each VASTLHCS and Logan University faculty. Logan University is the academic affiliate for the St. Louis Residency Program.

Glenn Bub, DC

Ross Mattox, DC, DACBR

Jason Napuli, DC, MBA

Pamela Wakefield, DC – Program Director

Location

Training takes place at multiple locations throughout the VA St. Louis Health Care System. Locations of care are coordinated with the Program Director with consideration of residents home address. Currently there are seven sites of chiropractic care provided within the VASTLHCS. Two medical centers Jefferson Barracks, John Cochran and 5 Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC): Washington Avenue Annex, St. Clair CBOC, St. Charles CBOC, St. Louis CBOC, Franklin County CBOC. VASTLHCS has contains academic affiliations with Logan University/College of Chiropractic, Washington University School of Medicine, Saint Louis University School of Medicine and Saint Louis College of Pharmacy.

Clinical Facilities

The St. Louis chiropractic clinic is composed seven different sites of care. Each of the locations contains state of the art exam/treatment tables, computers, and other necessary equipment. Each location offers a variety of patient demographics and treatment modalities. Many locations offer Battlefield acupuncture, full body acupuncture, instrument assisted manipulation, flexion distraction tables, and spinal manipulative therapy. Residents will have library support through VASTLHCS and the VISN 15 Online Library is available.

Program Duration

Full-time (40 hours/week) for one year, starting in July.

Number of Positions

One resident position each year

Compensation

The resident stipend is determined by VA Office of Academic Affiliations. Information can be found at <http://vaww.oaa.med.va.gov/DBReports/LocBasedStipends.aspx>

The resident receives paid Federal holidays and accrues vacation and sick leave. The resident is also eligible for life and health insurance. The resident is protected from personal liability while providing professional services at a VA health care facility under the Federal Employees Liability Reform and Tort Compensation Act, 28 U.S.C. 2679 (b)-(d).

Certificate of Completion

Upon satisfactory completion of program requirements, the graduate will receive an official Certificate of Residency, and records will be maintained at the VASTLHCS and the VHA Chiropractic National Program Office.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible applicants must be a US citizen and:

1. Have graduated from a CCE accredited institution by June 1, 2020
2. Be eligible to hold a license by July 1, 2020 or currently are licensed to practice chiropractic
3. Have at least a 3.0 GPA in the Doctor of Chiropractic professional program
4. Have capabilities and goals consistent with the mission and rigor of the program

If you have any questions, please submit them to

STLChiroResidency@va.gov

Accreditation

The chiropractic residency program at the VA St. Louis Healthcare System is awarded programmatic accreditation by The Council on Chiropractic Education, 8049 North 85th Way, Scottsdale, AZ, 85258-4321, Phone: (480) 443-8877, Website: www.cce-usa.org