

Atrium Health & Wingate University
Physical Therapy Neurologic Residency
Frequently Asked Questions

1. How does the partnership between Atrium Health (Atrium Health) and Wingate University function for the neurologic residency program?

Atrium Health facilities (Carolinas Rehabilitation Charlotte - Inpatient, Carolinas Rehabilitation Blythe – Outpatient and Carolinas Medical Center – Main) provide exposure to patients with varied neurologic diagnosis, clinical mentorship, multi-disciplinary team interaction including work with other Advanced Care Practitioners, opportunities for exposure to research and guidance with preparing patient case presentations. Faculty at Wingate University oversee provision and evaluation of didactic material consistent with the Neurology Description of Specialty Practice. They provide guidance and assistance with project completion, teaching opportunities within the Doctor of Physical Therapy program and additional exposure to neurologic research.

2. When does the program begin?

Our year-long program begins early January and continues through mid-December. Lecture/lab classes will typically begin on the first Wednesday of the residency. Mentoring sessions begin in January upon start of the program.

3. What is the tuition for the program?

Current tuition is \$8,500 for the year. For your convenience, Atrium Health will adjust your salary to cover the tuition amount over the course of the 12 months of the residency year.

4. How is my salary determined?

Exact annual salary offers will be determined by human resources once a formal offer is made. For current employees of Atrium Health, your current salary will be adjusted to cover the cost of the tuition deduction. Atrium employees on the career ladder can maintain their current positions assuming all requirements are fulfilled throughout the year long residency program.

5. What type of position will I have within Atrium Health?

Your residency position is housed under the Atrium Health Center for Advanced Practice, but you will work clinically through three rotations: CMC Acute Care, CR-Charlotte Inpatient Rehabilitation and CR-Blythe Outpatient Rehabilitation. While at CMC you will transition through various units including Neuro ICU. Current Atrium Health employees will need to transfer to the above listed clinics for the duration of the residency.

6. Do residents receive the same benefits as other employees?

Yes. All residents receive the same benefits as other full-time employees of Atrium Health. This includes options for health, dental, and vision insurance, as well as optional life and accident insurance. Your paid time off (PTO) is dependent on the number of years you have worked for the system. Paid time off is not only used for vacation and sick days, but also holidays. You are eligible for continuing education reimbursement beginning after 90 days of employment. This can be used for reimbursement of course tuition only (not hotels, food, airfare, etc.) and must be pre-approved. You must use paid time off benefits for course attendance if it occurs during your normally scheduled work hours.

7. How many hours per week will residents be treating patients during the residency year?

Residents treat patients 32 hours each week. Three to four of these hours each week will include mentor time (both treating and discussing patient care).

8. Are there opportunities to continue working within Atrium Health after the residency is completed?

Continued employment within Atrium Health is not guaranteed following completion of the residency program, however, our hope and desire is that graduates will choose to remain with Atrium Health after the completion of the program. Every effort will be made to find graduates a suitable position. Thus far, every graduate that has wanted to remain with the system has been placed in a role that fits well with their professional goals.

9. Are there any required textbooks for the residency program?

Yes. Prior to the start of the program, each resident will receive a list of required and recommended textbooks and other materials.

10. How is each resident evaluated throughout the program?

Residents are evaluated through written assignments, presentations, examinations (written, oral, and practical) and live patient examinations.

11. How much time is spent at Wingate University?

Residents spend one day a week engaged in didactic activity, lectures, labs, teaching in the entry-DPT program and performing research activities. A Wingate University ID is issued and residents have access to Wingate DPT Facilities for the duration of their residency.

12. I am practicing outside the US; can I still apply for Atrium Health employment and the PT Residency?

Residency applicants must be graduates from a CAPTE-accredited PT program or, if foreign-trained, must have a visa credential verification certificate from FCCPT (Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy) and an H-1B visa. All residency applicants must be licensed to practice in NC.