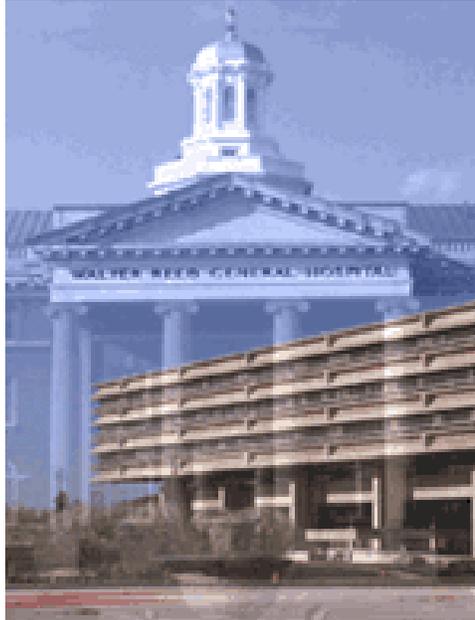


The U.S. Army Occupational Therapy Internship Program



As an Army occupational therapist, you will use your time, skill and creativity working in a wide variety of roles. You will not only have the opportunity to perform upper extremity evaluation and treatment, ergonomic evaluation, physical disability rehabilitation and mental health intervention, but you may also serve in the deployed environment on a Combat Stress Control team. You will work closely with a talented team of medical professionals who are interested in your professional opinion.

The Army Internship Program is a comprehensive Level II fieldwork program. Applicants accepted into the program receive full pay and benefits, as well as payment of Phase II tuition during the internship. Army interns are commissioned as U.S. Army officers with the rank of Second Lieutenant (2LT). Previously commissioned officers may enter at a rank other than 2LT. Upon commissioning, a 45-month service obligation (includes training time) is incurred. The fieldwork site is located at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) in exciting Washington, D. C.

Purpose of the Army OT Fieldwork Education Program

1. To promote clinical reasoning in practice.
2. To transmit the values, beliefs, and ethical commitments of the field of OT.
3. To enhance knowledge, attitudes, and skills in administration, research, and professional relationships.
4. To mentor and model professional clinical practice.
5. To develop skills in the application of OT assessments and treatment interventions related to human performance.
6. To develop leadership and other preparatory skills needed to support Army OT missions which include combat stress control as well as peacekeeping and humanitarian missions.
7. To prepare the intern to pass the NBCOT Registration Examination (no student in the Army's Internship program has failed the exam).

Program Description

1. Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), Washington, D.C. Comprehensive 9-month Level II Fieldwork starts in March and September of each year following the completion of the Officer Basic Course at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. The fieldwork includes mental health and physical disabilities with exposure to pediatrics and ergonomics.
2. Emphasizes linking theory to practice and developing entry-level clinical competencies.
3. Focuses on enhancement of core knowledge in theory, practice, and research.
4. Faculty is a fully qualified civilian and military OTR staff.
5. Utilizes state of the art equipment and clinical practice.

Eligibility Requirements/Prerequisites

Student Appointments

- Be a graduate or expect to graduate within 6 months from an accredited curriculum in occupational therapy
- Less than 47 years of age
- Be a U.S. citizen or have lawfully entered the U.S. as a permanent resident
- Have not completed the Level II Fieldwork Experience
- Meet the prescribed professional, physical and ethical standards for appointment as a commissioned officer
- Have a favorable security investigation completed
- Have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0
- Be willing to serve on active duty for three (3) years immediately following internship

Curriculum

1. Approximately 9 weeks: U.S. Army Officer Basic Course (OBC) in San Antonio, TX
2. 5 days: Inprocessing/orientation to Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) and OT internship program
3. Approximately 12 weeks in Psychosocial Disabilities: acute care inpatient, partial day hospitalization programs. Includes individual and group evaluation and treatment opportunities, life skills teaching, work skills activities, and work therapy supervision.
4. Approximately 12 weeks in Physical Disabilities; includes neurology/neurosurgery general rehabilitation, graded supervision, unique caseload, interdisciplinary meetings and rounds. Exposure to pediatrics.
5. Approximately 8 weeks in hand rehabilitation at WRAMC
6. Approximately 4 weeks at the amputee center
7. Ergonomic Course: Course conducted at US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (CHPPM), which includes 1 week of didactics and 1 week of practical training.

8. Research: (workshops offered by the Walter Reed Army Medical Center Department of Clinical Investigation and other WRAMC staff on the fundamentals of doing clinical research). Full time research experiences with flexible objectives.

POC information:

Training Programs:

Walter Reed Army Medical Center
Occupational Therapy Section
Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation
ATTN: Internship Director
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Information About Applying:

Contact you local Army Health Care Recruiter or visit the website at <http://healthcare.goarmy.com> or call 1-800-USA-ARMY

