



Announcing the new  
**VA Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy  
Residency Program**

**VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System  
2215 Fuller Road  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105**

Our mission is to prepare physical therapy residents for advanced specialty practice. This program will cultivate high level cardiopulmonary physical therapists who integrate the teacher-scholar model into their clinical practice. Through cardiopulmonary clinical experiences under the mentorship of master clinicians, along with didactic learning experiences in cardiovascular and pulmonary topics including both teaching and research, the program will develop advanced physical therapy practitioners who care for the whole patient and are prepared for board certification in cardiovascular and pulmonary physical therapy by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties.

Residents will start the year-long program Monday after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They are employed by the VA Ann Arbor Hospital, and therefore need to be a US citizen. Residents will treat a cardiopulmonary patient caseload ~30 hours/week, rotating through acute inpatient, outpatient cardiac and pulmonary rehab, and intensive care inpatient areas as well as some outside experiences in pediatrics. Residents are also involved in mentoring sessions with expert clinicians for 2-4 hours/week, didactic coursework 2 hrs a week. The resident will also participate in periodic specialty clinics, as well as research and program development involvement and a variety of teaching opportunities at the VA Ann Arbor Hospital and University of Michigan-Flint throughout the year. Our program is scheduled to apply for ABPTS credentialed status in January 2013. Residents who successfully complete the program are eligible to apply to sit for the CCS exam.

Applications are due March 15th, with interviews in April and a final decision by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Candidates can apply as students but need to have a plan to graduate and become licensed physical therapists by the start date of the residency rotation in July 2012. Candidates interested in applying for the Cardiopulmonary PT Residency are encouraged to contact Residency Director, Alexandra Sciaky, PT, CCS at [Alexandra.sciaky@va.gov](mailto:Alexandra.sciaky@va.gov) or (734) 845-3809 for an application and/or more information.