The Pediatric Physical Therapy residency program is designed to provide the resident with advanced clinical and leadership skills in pediatric physical therapy and developmental disabilities.

A portion of the residency program functions within the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Program (LEND).

The mission of the LEND program is to develop high levels of clinical expertise, skills and competence, and leadership attributes that will lead to the improved health status of infants, children and adolescents with or at risk for neurodevelopmental and related disabilities and their families.
The Residency Experience
This full-time residency opportunity is available through a collaboration between Nisonger Center, Nationwide Children’s Hospital and the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at The Ohio State University.

- **Nisonger Center**
  - LEND curriculum provides interdisciplinary training in developmental disabilities, disability policy and legislation, cultural competency and family systems
  - Early Childhood Education Program: EI Center-based and preschool-based physical therapy opportunity
  - Interdisciplinary Family Clinic
  - Mentored leadership projects
- **Nationwide Children’s Hospital**
  - Pediatric outpatient physical therapy experience
  - Various multidisciplinary clinics (i.e. Neonatal Follow-up, Myelomeningocele, Cerebral Palsy, Neuromuscular disease, Down Syndrome)
  - Mentored clinical research
- **School of Rehabilitation Sciences**
  - Teaching assistant during pediatric PT course in professional DPT program

Residency Timeline
This 12-month residency program begins early August each year.

Other opportunities:
The resident may earn graduate credits that may be applied toward a graduate degree pending graduate school acceptance prior to the start of the residency program. The Pediatric Rehabilitation Master of Science or PhD program with a pediatric emphasis is offered through the OSU School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.

To be eligible for residency:
Applicants must have at least a DPT degree from an accredited physical therapy program. **Ohio licensure is required for participation in the residency program.**
Application Requirements:

- Application form
- Curriculum Vitae
- Completed application questions
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Ohio PT license or written plan for license transfer

All materials are to be submitted through the RF-PTCAS website:
http://www.apta.org/RFPTCAS/ApplicantWebsite/

The Nisonger Center Pediatric Physical Therapy Residency Program is accredited by the American Physical Therapy Association as a post-professional clinical residency program for physical therapists in pediatrics.

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