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The **American Academy of Manipulative Therapy (AAMT) Fellowship in Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy** is accredited by the American Physical Therapy Association as a post-professional fellowship program for physical therapists in orthopaedic manual physical therapy. Graduates of the AAMT Fellowship program are eligible for the FAAOMPT credential. If you are interested in being considered for the **March 1, 2017 cohort**, we invite you to submit the AAMT Declaration of Interest form to fellowship@spinalmanipulation.org and an online application via RF-PTCAS (<https://rfptcas.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>). Since admissions are on a rolling basis, we encourage you to apply ASAP.



HOW CAN I APPLY TO BE PART OF THE MARCH 1, 2017 – MARCH 1, 2018 COHORT?

Fellowship applicants will be selected for the March 1, 2017 cohort based on information provided to AAMT via the AAMT Declaration of Interest Form (fellowship@spinalmanipulation.org) and the RF-PTCAS application (<https://rfptcas.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>). Admission will be primarily based on relevant clinical experience and the completion of specialty training or certifications in the areas of orthopaedic physical therapy and/or manual therapy. The deadline for applications for the 2017 cohort is **January 15, 2017**. However, we begin awarding placements in the AAMT Fellowship after October 1, 2016, so earlier applications have a greater chance of acceptance due to “rolling” admissions.

HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED THAT I HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO BE PART OF THE MARCH 1, 2017 – MARCH 1, 2018 COHORT?

AAMT may decide to contact you via email or phone during the application process on a case-by-case basis. If selected for the AAMT fellowship program, you will receive an acceptance letter via email within 30 days of completing your AAMT Declaration of Interest Form and RF-PTCAS application or at the latest by February 1, 2017. In addition, the final status of your application will be posted to RF-PTCAS.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AAMT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM?

Per ABPTRFE guidelines, all applicants must meet the following requirements prior to being admitted into the AAMT fellowship program:

1. Applicants must be a licensed physical therapist in the state that they plan to complete their clinical mentored training within.

- Applicants may apply to AAMT with a temporary physical therapy license in the state that they plan to conduct mentored training in.
- Foreign applicants may apply, but they must be licensed to practice in the state that they will conduct training prior to the start date of the fellowship.

2. Applicants must meet **one or more** of the following qualifications:

- ABPTS specialist certification in a related specialty area (e.g. OCS), or
- Graduate of an ABPTS credentialed residency program in a related specialty area, or
- Demonstrable specialty skills within a specialty area (e.g. Cert. SMT, Cert. DN, COMT, MTC)

WHAT ARE THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE AAMT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM?

The cost of the AAMT Fellowship in Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy for the 2017 cohort will be \$12,500. Payments may be made in a lump sum or divided into quarterly payments, depending on your economic situation. Please note that this does not include mentor fees. While some physical therapy clinics have FAAOMPT mentors that are organic to their clinic, others may have the need to import a mentor and/or send fellows-in-training to where they can receive mentored training. While the fee for organic mentors may be little to no cost, the fee for arranging external mentorship may be substantial. Fellows-in-training may request financial support to pay for the fellowship and the mentorship from the clinic they work for in return for reduced pay and/or owed time after completion of the fellowship.

IF I HAVE ALREADY TAKEN COURSES THROUGH THE SPINAL MANIPULATION INSTITUTE AND DRY NEEDLING INSTITUTE, CAN I APPLY THEM TOWARD THE FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS?

Many prospective fellows-in-training have already taken classes with SMI and/or DNI. Per ABPTRFE, the students may only request transfer credit for up to 10 hours for these courses, assuming that the courses were taken in the last 2 years. Fellows-in-training may earn credit for previously taken courses through the Spinal Manipulation Institute and Dry Needling Institute by:

1. Retaking the class
2. Serving as a primary or assistant instructor for the class
3. Completing an independent study project (on information covered in previously taken class)

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE AAMT FELLOWSHIP IN ORTHOPAEDIC MANUAL PHYSICAL THERAPY DURING 2017 (MARCH 1, 2017 – MARCH 1, 2018 COHORT)?

AAMT FELLOWSHIP IN ORTHOPAEDIC MANUAL PHYSICAL THERAPY 2017-2018 SCHEDULE				
Week 1 Intensive	D-4	Clinical Reasoning for the Management of Vestibular Disorders	Columbia, SC	4-11 March 2017
	D-5	Emerging Technologies in Physical Therapy Research	Columbia, SC	4-11 March 2017
	D-9	Leadership, Business Management & Legal Topics for the Private Practitioner	Columbia, SC	4-11 March 2017
	NTM-1	Evaluation and Treatment Techniques using Non-thrust Mobilization of the Spine	Columbia, SC	4-11 March 2017
	NTM-2	Evaluation and Treatment Techniques using Non-thrust Mobilization of the Extremities	Columbia, SC	4-11 March 2017
Week 2 Intensive	IASTM-1	Instrument- assisted Soft-Tissue Mobilization for Spinal & Extremity Conditions: An Evidence-Based Approach	Columbia, SC	5-12 August 2017
	EMT-1	Upper and Lower Extremity Dysfunction: Evaluation and Management with HVLA Thrust Manipulation and Exercise	Columbia, SC	5-12 August 2017
	DN-3	Clinical Applications of Dry Needling for Spinal & Extremity Conditions and Comprehensive Oral, Practical & Written Examination	Columbia, SC	5-12 August 2017
Week 3 Intensive	SMT-4	Clinical Applications of Spinal Manipulation and Comprehensive Oral, Practical, and Written Examination	Atlanta, GA	8-9 December 2017
	D-1	Applied Musculoskeletal Anatomy with Cadavers	Columbia, SC	10-15 December 2017
	D-2	Musculoskeletal Imaging for the Physical Therapist (Radiographs, MRI, & Diagnostic Ultrasound)	Columbia, SC	10-15 December 2017
	DD-1	Differential Diagnosis and Multi-modal Management of Upper & Lower Extremity Pain Syndromes of Spinal Origin	Columbia, SC	10-15 December 2017
		Diploma in Osteopractic Ceremony (9AM-12PM)	Columbia, SC	16 December 2017
Online Courses	D-3	Clinical Research: Design & Methodology	Online	Continuous
	D-6	Biopsychosocial & Pharmaceutical Aspects of Pain Management	Online	Continuous
	D-7	Manual Therapy in Third World & Underserved Populations	Online	Continuous
	D-8	Grant Writing & Publication	Online	Continuous
	D-10	Biostatistics for Clinical Research	Online	Continuous
	D-11	Education Innovation and Instructional Design for the Manual Therapist	Online	Continuous
On-circuit Courses	SMT-1	High-Velocity Low-amplitude Thrust Manipulation of the Cervical, thoracic, Lumbar, and SI Joints	Student Choice	Student Choice
	SMT-2	Cervicothoracic Dysfunction and Cervicogenic Headaches: Diagnosis and Management with HVLA Thrust Manipulation and Exercise	Student Choice	Student Choice
	SMT-3	Lumbar and Sacroiliac Dysfunction: Diagnosis and Management with HVLA Thrust Manipulation and Exercise	Student Choice	Student Choice
	DN-1	Dry Needling for Craniofacial, Cervicothoracic & Upper Extremity Conditions: An Evidence-Based Approach	Student Choice	Student Choice
	DN-2	Dry Needling for Lumbopelvic & Lower Extremity Conditions: an Evidence-Based Approach	Student Choice	Student Choice

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MENTORSHIP?

Fellows-in-training may work with any mentor, as long as they hold the FAAOMPT credential. That is, the mentor does not need to be a graduate of the AAMT Fellowship and may have completed any one of the orthopaedic manual physical therapy fellowships offered through the APTA. While we recognize that having a mentor that is familiar with the AAMT philosophy of treatment may be advantageous, we understand that this may not always be possible. As the AAMT Fellowship in Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapy continues to grow, more AAMT Fellows holding the FAAOMPT credential will become available for mentorship. AAMT expects to have more than 40 active FAAOMPTs available for mentorship across the U.S. by the start of the 2017 cohort.

Per ABPTRFE, fellows-in-training must complete 310 hours of mentor accessible time, whereby the fellow-in-training is seeing patients independently and the mentor is accessible by phone, text, Skype, email, etc. In addition, fellows-in-training must complete 130 hours of 1:1 time, whereby the fellow-in-training and FAAOMPT mentor are treating patients together.

DO I NEED TO MOVE TO COLUMBIA, SC TO JOIN THE PROGRAM?

No, you can complete the fellowship from your home clinic. There are 3 primary requirements for completing training in the clinic in which you presently work:

1. The clinic must not be physician owned, referral for profit, or not-for-profit
2. The clinic must see a “representative” population of all orthopaedic conditions
3. The clinic must have a FAAOMPT mentor working at the clinic or a FAAOMPT mentor that is accessible to the clinic. (i.e. the FAAOMPT mentor may come to the fellow-in-training’s clinic to provide 1:1 mentorship, or the fellow-in training may travel to the mentor’s clinic to fulfill the requirement.

HOW CAN I CONTACT AAMT ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP?

Further inquiries about the 12-month accelerated AAMT Fellowship program should be made directly to the AAMT Fellowship coordinator, Dr. Raymond Butts, PhD, DPT, MSc (NeuroSci), Dip. Osteopractic, Cert. SMT at fellowship@spinalmanipulation.org.

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