

# Cincinnati VA Medical Center Chiropractic Residency Program

## Mission

The Mission of the Cincinnati VA Medical Center Chiropractic Integrated Clinical Practice Residency is to prepare chiropractic residents for clinical practice in hospitals or other medical settings, and/or academia, through hospital-based clinical training, interprofessional education, and scholarly activities.

## Resident Goals/Objectives

- Residents will acquire postgraduate clinical experience in hospital-based chiropractic care
  - Residents will provide supervised patient care at satisfactory levels of competence, to a broad population of musculoskeletal cases, most commonly spinal, in the context of collaborative team-based care
  - Residents will gain experience in managing a range of complex/multimorbidity cases
- Residents will engage in interprofessional educational experiences with relevant medical, surgical and associated health specialties
  - Residents will complete clinical rotations in primary care, physical medicine and rehabilitation, other relevant medical or surgical specialties, behavioral medicine and other associated health disciplines
- Residents will participate in scholarly activities to gain experience relevant to integrated practice and/or academia
  - Residents will complete scholarly assignments, online didactic courses, and collaborate with other chiropractic residents to complete group assignments
  - Residents will attend scholarly presentations among available hospital and/or academic affiliate offerings
  - Residents will engage in research activities, and/or present scholarly material, and/or clinical workshops to staff and/or trainees at VA and/or academic affiliate venues

## Program Faculty

The core faculty members are each Cincinnati VA Medical Center staff employees.

### **Frank M Bucki, DC**

Dr. Bucki received a BS from Illinois State University and a DC from National University of Health Sciences. He is adjunct faculty at Logan University and University of Western States. He is leading efforts to improve veteran's access to chiropractic with VA Video Connect telehealth technology and is engaged in research on this subject.

### **Michael Clay, DC, MPH (Director)**

Dr. Clay's academic accomplishments include co-authorship of manuscripts published in the European Spine Journal, Journal of Interventional Medicine, PLOS One, and the Journal of Chiropractic Medicine. He is an editorial board member for the Journal of Chiropractic Medicine and serves as a reviewer for

the Journal of Military Medicine, the Journal of Manipulative and Physiologic Therapeutics, and the Journal of Chiropractic Medicine.

He is an experienced podium and poster presenter with works at the APHA annual conference, ACC-RAC, UC research week, and an award-winning abstract at the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians annual Symposium. He is sports certified (CCSP), is actively involved in the American Public Health Association (APHA) and has completed 200 hours in acupuncture training.

### **Location**

Training takes place at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center (3200 Vine St, Cincinnati, OH 45220) and the Fort Thomas Division (1000 S. Ft Thomas Ave Ft. Thomas, KY 41075). A third site is planned at an outpatient facility in Norwood, OH.

Cincinnati VA Medical Center is well-known for its excellence in healthcare provider training and is currently ranked as the number three facility in the VHA. The Cincinnati VA Medical Center is adjacent to the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine and has academic affiliations with several programs that present opportunities for shadowing.

### **Clinical Facilities**

The Cincinnati VA Medical Center chiropractic clinic has no fewer than two exam/treatment rooms furnished with state-of-the-art treatment tables, computers, and other necessary equipment. Additional clinician rooms with computers and high-resolution imaging viewing stations are available.

The Fort Thomas chiropractic clinic has three treatment rooms furnished with state-of-the-art treatment tables, computers, and other necessary equipment with one additional room containing a mechanical traction table. Library support through Cincinnati VA Medical Center and the VISN 10 Online Library is available.

### **Program Duration**

Full-time (40 hours/week) for 12 months, from July 1 through June 30 of the following year. Additional weekly time may be dedicated to scholarly or other training activities.

### **Number of Positions**

One resident position each year

### **Compensation**

The resident stipend is estimated at \$38,358 per year. There is variation between sites on this figure, and Cincinnati is known for a very reasonable cost of living. The resident receives paid Federal holidays and accrues vacation and sick leave. The resident is also eligible for life and health insurance. The resident is protected from personal liability while providing professional services at a VA health care facility under the Federal Employees Liability Reform and Tort Compensation Act, 28 U.S.C. 2679 (b)-(d).

### **Certificate of Completion**

Upon satisfactory completion of program requirements, the graduate will receive an official Certificate of Residency, and records will be maintained at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center and the VHA Chiropractic National Program Office.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must hold or be scheduled to receive a DC degree from a CCE-accredited school prior to the start of the residency program. Applicants must be eligible for, or hold a current, full, active, and unrestricted chiropractic license in a State, Territory or Commonwealth of the US, or in the District of Columbia. Applicants must meet all VA employment requirements including US citizenship, and Selective Service registration when applicable.

### **Application Process**

Selection is through a competitive process considering factors such as academic background, relevant experience, personal statement, letters of recommendation, and telephone and/or in-person interviews. A call for applications is issued each year on the second Monday of January. Applications are only accepted during the open call.

### **Accreditation**

Initial application to the Council on Chiropractic Education is projected for submission by October 2020.