



Therapy Observation Opportunities

The OSU Medical Center is pleased to provide opportunities for students applying to Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy programs that require observation hours as part of the application process. This program is not to determine career interest, but to fulfill a specific application requirement. It is the student's obligation to know their program's requirements and to obtain the documentation form(s) the program requires prior to the start of observation hours. We can accommodate a limited number of students; therefore, we encourage students to begin the observation process at least six months in advance of their application date.

Listed below are the sites at the Medical Center that provide observation opportunities and the contact person. **You can only have one observation placement at a time. Please do not call or email all departments at once.**

To begin the process, contact the site that is your first choice and wait for a response. Be prepared to provide the contact with information on the program you're applying to, your availability and time frame, and your contact information. Since many of these contacts are therapists, they may often be away from their desks with patients. Please allow a minimum of 48-72 hours for a response.

If your first choice cannot accept you, then contact your next choice.

Acute Care Rehab: Located on main campus. Serving inpatients in University Hospital, Ross Heart Hospital and James Cancer Hospital. Observation hours are limited to Monday thru Friday, 8am – 4pm; no weekends.
PT: Andy Dawson, (614) 293-8492, andy.dawson@osumc.edu
OT: Kristin Fries, (614) 293-8492, kristin.fries@osumc.edu

Dodd Rehabilitation Hospital: Dodd Hall is an inpatient rehabilitation hospital specializing in TBI, SCI, Stroke and other neurological disorders. Observation hours are limited to Monday thru Friday, 9am - 3pm; no weekends.
Todd Blind, (614) 293-9883

Outpatient Rehab at Morehouse Plaza: Located on the 2nd floor of the Pavilion at Morehouse Plaza, 2050 Kenny Road. Outpatient Rehab specializes in orthopedic rehabilitation, SCI, TBI and Stroke. Services include: occupational therapy, speech therapy, physical therapy, driving rehabilitation, and social work.
Marta Gattas, (614) 293-7260

OSU Comprehensive Spine Center at Morehouse Plaza: Located on the 7th floor of the Tower at Morehouse Plaza, 2050 Kenny Rd. The Spine Center specializes in a multidisciplinary approach to outpatient treatment of orthopedic spinal conditions. Hours for Physical Therapy observation are Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm. Please contact Jason Moore at 614-366-3265 or jason.moore@osumc.edu.

OSU Medical Center- Sports Medicine: Physical therapy clinics emphasizing sports medicine and outpatient orthopedic rehabilitation. Seven sites provide opportunities for PT observation. Contact the clinic directly for availability.

Downtown: Lori Hilfinger (lori.hilfinger@osumc.edu)

Gahanna: Lori Deshetler, (lori.deshetler@osumc.edu)

Grove City: Brianne Rice, (614) 293-1068

Hilliard: Adam Gerkin, (614) 293-6384

Martha Morehouse (Campus): Chris Colligan (christopher.colligan@osumc.edu)

Powell: Daren Lynch, (614) 293-1008

Stoneridge (Dublin): Lois De Temple, (614) 366-9324 (lois.detemple@osumc.edu)

OSU Student Health Services - Sports Medicine Department: Located at 1875 Millikin Road, next to RPAC facility on campus. Sports medicine and orthopedic case load.
Pam Bork, (614) 292-0130

University Hospital East: Located on East Broad Street and Taylor Avenue on the East side of Columbus. OSU East has both inpatient and outpatient therapy departments. Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy observation opportunities available. Hours vary.

PT: Andy Morris, andy.morris@osumc.edu

OT: Narendra Thekdi, narendra.thekdi@osumc.edu

Speech: Julie Grilli, julie.grilli@osumc.edu