



# AMERICAN BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY RESIDENCY & FELLOWSHIP EDUCATION

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Dennis Lesch, PT, GCS  
Bellarmine University Geriatric Residency  
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Dear Mr. Lesch,

On behalf of the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education, it is my pleasure to congratulate you on the approval of Bellarmine University Geriatric Residency as an ABPTRFE-accredited physical therapy residency program. Official commencement of this prestigious accreditation will begin March 31, 2017 and will continue for a period of five (5) years until March 31, 2022. A certificate recognizing this achievement will be mailed to you within the next few months.

As an accredited program, it is incumbent upon the program director and staff to uphold certain ongoing requirements in order to maintain this status. Please review the ABPTRFE Rules of Practice and Procedures located on the [ABPTRFE website](#) for details on all program requirements. Programs are required to adhere to the American Physical Therapy Association Residency/Fellowship Program Agreement signed as part of the application process for accreditation. This agreement highlights the program's compliance with current ABPTRFE Evaluative Criteria and the ABPTRFE Rules of Practice and Procedure. In addition, programs must provide an annual report and annual fee to ABPTRFE for each year of accreditation.

Programs that are accredited must submit written notification of substantive changes to the program to APTA staff no later than 30 days after the change using the prescribed form. Please refer to Rules for full details on reporting substantive changes.

A program that holds accreditation may use the following statement on educational and promotional materials relating to the program:

[Name of Program] is accredited by the American Physical Therapy Association as a postprofessional [residency/fellowship] program for physical therapists in [Focused Area of Clinical Practice].

A program may not use a different formula to describe its accreditation status.

If the sponsoring organization offers other physical therapy residency and fellowship programs not currently accredited by APTA, the organization's marketing materials must clearly indicate that the additional programs are not accredited by APTA.

An ABPTRFE-accredited program is permitted to reproduce the ABPTRFE-accredited program logo on any educational and promotional materials directly related to the program. An electronic version of this logo will be sent to you by e-mail. Such copyright permission is granted solely to programs with approved accreditation status.

The Board and APTA as a whole are proud of your accomplishments. We look forward to a mutually rewarding relationship with your program and again, we congratulate you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne E. O'Donnell, PT, PhD." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Anne E. O'Donnell, PT, PhD

Chair, American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education