



Physical Therapy Fellowship in Neonatology

Our neonatology fellowship is a university-hospital partnership model developed by Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions in Provo, UT and Seattle Children's Hospital in Seattle, WA. The fellowship combines the strengths of both institutions by offering selected university-based pediatric science courses in preparation for the clinical phase at Seattle Children's Hospital where an interdisciplinary, multi-member infant therapy team provides mentorship.

Academic Phase Courses (6 credits)

- High Risk Neonate
- Embryology and Fetal Development: Implications for Neonatal Care
- Oral-Motor and Feeding Challenges for Infants with Medical Fragility
- Case Report Methodology
- Neonatal Case Report (design, presentation, and manuscript preparation)

Clinical Phase (1,000 hours minimum)

- 1 on 1 mentorship component
- NICU, intermediate care, and PICU settings
- Pediatric specialty clinics
- NICU follow-up clinic
- Clinical lectures

Program Objectives

- Develop physical therapy experts in evidence-based neonatal specialty care and family-centered care
- Facilitate development of teaching, administrative, and consultative proficiencies in neonatal physical therapy
- Promote analysis of literature and care practices in neonatal physical therapy
- Expand literature with neonatal case reports

Enrollment

- Application Deadline: May 1 (annually)
- Application Form: email jsweeney@rmuohp.edu
- Academic phase begins in fall semester, Clinical phase begins in winter semester

Leadership

- Fellowship Director: Jane Sweeney PT, PhD, PCS, FAPTA
- Fellowship Site Manager: Gayle Bonato PT, MPH, IBCLC

