



KAISER HAYWARD PT FELLOWSHIP IN ADVANCED ORTHOPEDIC MANUAL THERAPY
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HAYWARD, CA 94545

Request for Reference

_____ is applying for admission to the following program at Kaiser Permanente in Hayward, California:

- _____ Clinical Mentorship in Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy
- _____ Advanced Clinical Fellowship in Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy

The selection committee would like your assessment of this candidate's academic and clinical abilities and potential for growth.

The program will involve a full-time work-study program designed to balance online clinical course work, lab sessions with faculty and 1:1 clinical mentoring in an outpatient setting. Clinical course work will emphasize: 1) manual therapy examination and interventions, 2) selected aspects of exercise, ergonomics and self-management as part of comprehensive patient management, and 3) advanced clinical reasoning concepts. Participants will be required to critique scientific literature and apply knowledge of evidence based interventions to clinical practice.

Participants who complete the Mentorship *and* the Advanced Fellowship *and* selected required course work in the applied sciences at affiliated universities will meet requirements to become a Fellow in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists (AAOMPT).

The program requires the applicant to be motivated, analytical, self-directed and flexible in their learning. As the number of positions is limited, we are anxious to accept those physical therapists with the highest ability to assimilate clinical and academic information. All participants will be required to complete at a high standard, all written and practical examinations.

Please rate the candidate on the qualities listed on the attached checklist. Include a brief letter of recommendation with your evaluation of the applicant's overall potential for post-graduate study in manual therapy. Please include your address, phone number, and **email** in case we need further information. Place your letter in a sealed envelope, sign across the seal, and give your letter to the applicant to send with his/her application.

Sincerely,

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