

FOUNDATION
Of the Consortium of
Multiple Sclerosis Centers



Dear CMSC Member,

The Foundation of the CMSC (FCMSC), the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers (CMSC) and the International Organization of Multiple Sclerosis Rehabilitation Therapists (IOMSRT) are pleased to announce the continuation of the 2023 Susan E Bennett MS Rehabilitation Therapy Specialty Training Program. This program was established to support additional training and to stimulate excellence and growth in the delivery of rehabilitation in the field of MS. In addition, the program will promote the CMSC's core value of the need for comprehensive care for people living with MS.

This training program will pair rehabilitation experts with professionals who are contemplating a focus on multiple sclerosis rehabilitation care or are 1-3 years into their MS specialty career: rehabilitation professionals and graduate students in the areas of physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech/language pathology. The program is for professionals and professionals-in-training who want to learn more about rehabilitation in multiple sclerosis. The program is not designed for experienced professionals who have completed MSCS certification or have extensive experience in MS. Mentors will share their knowledge and experience with their scholars over the five-day training experience. **Selected trainees will be provided with scholarship funds of \$2,500 to cover travel, lodging, and meals. Trainees are responsible for any expenses incurred over scholarship amount.**

The Training Experience

The rehabilitation training experience will take place on-site at three selected CMSC MS Centers in the United States and Canada in 2023. Up to twelve rehabilitation experiences will be awarded according to eligibility guidelines. Each scholar will participate in a total of 35 hours of training covering aspects of rehabilitation and comprehensive care provided at a CMSC MS center. Areas of education may include, but not be limited to:

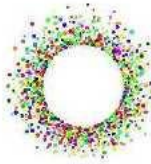
1. Medical management in MS - neurological and nursing care
2. Exposure to psychosocial services
3. Wellness services or referral for health promotion
4. MS-Specific rehabilitation programs
 - 60-minute overview for each discipline - basics to advance as identified by the trainees prior to the site visit
 - Patient interaction
5. Active clinical research programs [discussion and/or participation in ongoing program]
6. Exposure to seating and mobility clinics
7. Spasticity interventions

On-site MS Rehabilitation programs are scheduled at selected CMSC MS Centers in the United States and Canada. All programs will be conducted by expert multidisciplinary faculty. Each training site will accommodate four MS Program Scholars.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must hold appropriate licensure, certification and/or registration in the state/province of their current employment **OR be** currently enrolled in an accredited rehabilitation graduate program.
- Be prepared to spend 5 -7 days (including travel).
- Stay through completion of the program on the last day.

Eligibility is limited to therapists recent to MS work who have not previously been awarded and completed this training course.



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***Current 2023 Schedule**

Training session dates are subject to change.

Location 1: Cleveland Clinic Center for MS Treatment and Research, Cleveland, OH

Dates: Week of September 18-22

Location 2: OPTIMUS Program, Alberta Health Services, Foothills Medical Center, Calgary, Canada

Dates: Weeks of September 18-22 or October 16-20

Location 3: Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, Las Vegas, NV

Dates: Weeks of October 23-27 or November 13-17

Evaluation/Selection Process

Candidates may apply independently or be nominated by their department heads. The selection process will be administered independently of grantors through a board review process of the Foundation of the CMSC and the CMSC Rehabilitation Special Interest Group.

Information for Applicants

Please provide the following additional information with the application form:

- A brief biographical sketch or CV.
- A 2–4-page summary (not including references) of current work experience and/or career goals in the field of multiple sclerosis, professional goals and objectives for your participation in the Training Program as well as any plans for education of colleagues upon return from this program.
- A letter of recommendation and support from current supervisor/academic supervisor stating commitment and plans for utilization of the skills this course provides.

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Applications will be accepted through May 12, 2023.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Nancy Chazen, at 201-487-1050 x107,

nancy.chazen@msscure.org.

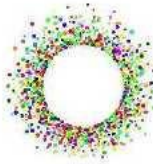
Thank you for your collaboration with the CMSC and FCMSC, and your role in Building the MS Workforce of the Future!

Sincerely,

Lacey Bromley, PT, DPT, PhD, NCS, MSCS, Chair of the IOMSRT

Patty Bobryk, MHS, PT, MSCS, ATP, Co-Chair of the IOMSRT

Cindy Bobowski, Foundation of the CMSC Program Manager



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SUSAN E BENNETT REHABILITATION SPECIALTY TRAINING SCHOLAR APPLICATION – 2023

Name: _____ Credentials: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Primary Email: _____

Alternate Email: _____

NPI #: _____ State and License #: _____

Most Recent Degree: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

School: _____

Other certification/licensure: _____

Current Employer: _____

Current Supervisor: _____ Email: _____

Do you have a valid passport to travel to Canada if you are assigned to that site? Yes No

Do you have any restrictions/conflicts on session training dates? Indicate dates below. Yes No

Please specify your preference of training location and dates: _____

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

Department Head/Program Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please provide the following with this application form:

- A brief biographical sketch or CV.
- A 2–4-page summary (not including references) of current work experience and/or career goals in the field of multiple sclerosis, professional goals and objectives for your participation in the MS Mental Health Mentorship Program as well as any plans for education of colleagues upon return from this program.
- Letter of recommendation and support from current supervisor/academic supervisor stating commitment and plans for utilization of the skills this course provides.

Note: Some training sites may require the selected candidates to provide documentation of up-to-date vaccinations, including COVID vaccinations.

Return completed application materials via email to Nancy Chazen at nancy.chazen@mscare.org
OR fax 866-920-6813.
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