

University of Minnesota Geriatric Physical Therapy Residency  
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**Overview:**

The program has developed an innovative way to build leadership and foster community service involvement by matching physical therapists in a geriatric residency program with a living environment where they interact with senior adults. The program benefits both the geriatric residents and the senior adults. The focus of the interactions between the geriatric residents and the senior adults is social rather than medical. This gives the geriatric residents an opportunity to view senior adults through a different lens and in a different environment. The program has provided a description of how the community service program was established and barriers/challenges of the process.