What is the purpose of the fellowship?
The purpose of the APP Orthopaedic Fellowship is to provide structured post-graduate education to prepare advanced practice providers with the expertise necessary to provide high quality care in the operative, perioperative, and medical management of orthopaedic surgery patients. The innovative, multidisciplinary curriculum covers the spectrum of orthopaedic care in ambulatory, operative, and inpatient settings. Rotations with subspecialized, multidisciplinary teams will provide in-depth clinical experiences, including participation in clinical research and quality improvement efforts to advance medical knowledge and prepare acute care nurse practitioners and physician assistants to meet the diverse needs of clinically complex patients.

What is the fellowship structure?
The UTSW APP Orthopaedic Fellowship program is a one-year post-graduate specialty training program beginning in October each year at UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas. The program offers clinical-based experiences, didactic education, training workshops, and procedural/skills training. Our multidisciplinary curriculum model includes educational experiences with Orthopaedic Surgery physician trainees, Grand ROUNDS, research meetings, Center of Excellence meetings, and the opportunity to network with other APP fellows across the organization. Clinical rotations include time with sports medicine orthopaedics, total joint arthroplasty, orthopaedic trauma, foot and ankle surgery, spine surgery, musculoskeletal tumor management, physical medicine and rehabilitation, musculoskeletal imaging, and perioperative pain management, as well as additional time in a related area of clinical interest.

How many fellowship positions are available?
For the 2021 fellowship year beginning in October 2021, one fellowship position is available.

Which APP graduates can apply for the UT Southwestern Orthopaedic APP Fellowship?
The UTSW Orthopaedic Fellowship includes clinical rotations in ambulatory, inpatient, and operative contexts with medically complex patients. For this reason, we are only accepting applications from acute care nurse practitioners with RNFA (surgical first assist) certification, and from physician assistants.

What stipend and benefits are offered?
The UTSW Orthopaedic Fellowship provides a competitive stipend, paid monthly over 12 months. The APP fellow will be a full-time employee of UT Southwestern Medical Center, which offers excellent benefits, including comprehensive medical, dental, vision, and life insurance at low cost.

What support is offered for attending conferences and continuing education?
Continuing education guidelines from the UTSW Office of Advanced Practice Providers are applicable to all UTSW APPs. The fellowship program will determine the appropriate meeting and conferences for the fellow to attend. UTSW provides access to UpToDate and other clinical decision support tools, EndNote, and access to the UTSW Health Sciences Digital Library & Learning Center resources and staff.