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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Founding Program Director, Doctor of Physical Therapy

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Description: The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (<http://illinois.edu/>) and the College of Applied Health Sciences (<http://ahs.illinois.edu>) invites applicants for a position as Founding Director of a Doctoral in Physical Therapy (DPT) program.

The Founding Director will serve as the academic and operational leader of the program. He/she will be responsible for developing and managing the program's curriculum, navigating the accreditation process, hiring new faculty, teaching courses, maintaining an active research line, and providing relevant service in line with the mission of the program. The ideal candidate will provide an energetic and enthusiastic approach and will enjoy a great deal of autonomy in developing the program. He/she will have a vision for how the program will develop and prosper over the years, based on his/her experience in the field. A current rank of Professor is preferred, though applicants who hold the rank of Associate Professor will be considered.

Specific duties of the Director include, but are not limited to:

Providing oversight for all academic and administrative matters concerning the development and initiation of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.

Serving as the program's spokesperson for purposes of regional and national awareness.

Leading strategic planning efforts for the program and monitoring the process to further the program's mission in teaching, research, and service.

Supervising the process of seeking, achieving, and maintaining all necessary CAPTE accreditation for program recognition.

Promoting and supporting the Physical Therapy faculty's involvement with research and scholarly activity.

Engaging with leaders of other UIUC campus units, particularly those in health science-related programs, to realize the University's mission and strategic plans.

Assisting with recruiting and retaining students.

Conducting ongoing evaluation of the faculty and program administration.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Founded in 1867 as part of President Lincoln's Morrill Act, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) is a leading public Research 1 institution with a long history of successful interdisciplinary endeavors. In its 2017 rankings, UIUC was ranked #11 public university among America's Best Colleges by U.S. News and World Report. With over 32,000 undergraduates and 12,000 graduate students, UIUC is a vibrant campus community with outstanding research and teaching facilities. Our Research Park is ranked in the top ten nationally by Forbes (

<http://researchpark.illinois.edu/>) and has led UIUC into the top ten best universities for technology startups.

The DPT program will be a part of the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health (KCH), which is housed within the College of Applied Health Sciences (AHS). The College of AHS has a strong record of excellence in teaching, research and outreach programs that focus on human health and wellness related to the prevention and treatment of chronic health conditions and the environmental and personal factors that influence them. The Kinesiology Doctoral program is ranked #1 in the nation by the American Kinesiology Academy. While the successful candidate will hold a tenured appointment in KCH, the intent of the position is to identify someone who can integrate across the disciplines of health sciences and interact with other units such as:

The Center for Health, Aging and Disability (<http://www.chad.illinois.edu/>)

The Health Care Engineering Systems Center (<http://healtheng.illinois.edu/>)

The Healthy Aging at Illinois Program (<https://publish.illinois.edu/healthyaging/>)

The new engineering-based Carle Illinois College of Medicine (<http://medicine.illinois.edu/>)

The Neuroscience Program (<http://neuroscience.illinois.edu/>)

The Children and Family Research Center (<http://www.cfr.illinois.edu/>)

Description: The Chez Center for Wounded Veteran's in Higher Education
(<http://woundedvetcenter.ahs.illinois.edu/>)

The Division of Disability Resources and Educational Services (<http://www.disability.illinois.edu/>)

The Family Resiliency Center (<http://familyresiliency.illinois.edu/>)

The Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology
(<http://www.beckman.illinois.edu/index.aspx>)

The Illinois Health Sciences Institute (<https://healthinstitute.illinois.edu/>)

The Illinois Transdisciplinary Obesity Prevention Program (<http://i-topp.fshn.illinois.edu/>)

The Cancer Community at Illinois (<http://cancer.illinois.edu/>)

Our Community:

Urbana-Champaign is a 'micro-urban' community (<http://micro-urbanist.com/index.html>) with a population of ~130,000 located in east central Illinois. It is conveniently located between Chicago, Indianapolis and St. Louis and has its own airport and train service. Combining natural Midwest beauty and cultural resources typically found in much larger metropolitan areas, Urbana-Champaign is friendly, livable, easy to navigate, affordable and has excellent public school systems. There is a 'work-life' balance here that gives faculty ample time for both scholarship and family pursuits devoid of the hassles of large city life. The dual downtown areas have grown into vibrant public spaces and entertainment districts over the past two decades. Both communities have recently made substantial investments in new public libraries, and the University of Illinois library is known as one of the country's best.

Qualifications:

This is a full-time, 12-month, tenured position. The ideal candidate should have the following qualifications:

An academic terminal degree in Physical Therapy or related field (i.e., DPT, MD, PhD, EdD, or equivalent)

A license to practice physical therapy in Illinois (or ability to obtain)

Experience preparing for, obtaining, and maintaining CAPTE accreditation

Administrative experience (e.g., program planning and implementation, personnel management, evaluation and budgeting)

An established research line with evidence of the potential for acquiring external funding

A record of scholarship and history of teaching and service

Clinical experience as a Physical Therapist

6 years of full time higher education experience and a minimum of 3 years full-time experience in a physical therapist education program

We strongly encourage applications and nominations of women and persons of underrepresented groups.

Salary: Compensation is competitive and will be commensurate with the applicant's record.

Applications: To apply, create a candidate profile at <http://jobs.illinois.edu> and select the position for which you are applying; then upload all required documents, including 1) curriculum vitae, 2) letter of application that includes a statement of research interests and a summary of qualification for the position, and 3) list of names and email addresses and phone numbers for three or more references. Candidates will be informed before references are contacted. For initial consideration, please complete your application by January 10, 2019; however, applications will continue to be accepted until the position is filled. Interviews and inquiries may take place prior to the close date; however, no decision will be made until after the close date. The anticipated starting date is August 16, 2019.

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