

Department Chair of Physical Therapy College of Allied Health Sciences

The College of Allied Health Sciences at Augusta University is recruiting a dynamic and innovative Department Chair of Physical Therapy. The successful candidate will join us in advancing an accomplished program of physical therapy, developing novel, interdisciplinary research and practice programs.

The position requires an academic leader with excellent interpersonal skills to direct the efforts of an outstanding, collegial faculty within a research intensive academic health center. This is a 12-month, tenure-track appointment. Academic rank and salary are commensurate with scholarly activities; publications and experience. The responsibilities of the Chair include the following:

- Foster excellence in education and improve national ranking.
- Align the program mission and goals with those of the institution
- Provide energetic leadership in support of those goals.
- Expand research growth and external funding.
- Facilitate growth of clinical faculty practice.

The Chair of Physical Therapy, as an innovative and entrepreneurial leader will build on the departmental capabilities, both operationally and strategically. The Chair will have the opportunity to collaborate with faculty in several highly recognized and well-funded centers and institutes at Augusta University such as the Cancer Center and the Georgia Prevention Institute among others. Academic rank and salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The University

Founded in 1828, Augusta University is the premier academic health center of the University System of Georgia and a Carnegie Doctoral University, Higher Research Activity. Augusta University continues the consolidated traditions of Georgia Health Sciences University, Medical College of Georgia and Augusta State University. The university consists of nine colleges on two campuses: Medical College of Georgia, Dental College of Georgia, College of Nursing, College of Allied Health Sciences, School of Graduate Studies, Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Hull College of Business, College of Education and College of Science and Mathematics.

The Community

Nestled along the banks of the Savannah River, Augusta is the second largest city in Georgia. It is renowned internationally for its annual Masters Golf Tournament. Known as the 'Garden City', Augusta features picturesque and friendly neighborhoods, low cost of living, and plenty of cultural and recreational opportunities. It is a growing and thriving city which was recently ranked 22nd of the 367 U.S. metropolitan areas that *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* considered for its list of Best Cities for the Next Decade. Augusta has many artistic organizations including the Augusta Opera Association, the Augusta Ballet, the Fort Gordon Dinner Theater, the Augusta Players, the Augusta Symphony, the Morris Museum of Art and the Augusta Museum of History to name a few. Major metropolitan areas such as Atlanta, GA and Columbia, SC are within a short driving distance, as are many scenic destinations, including the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Atlantic coast, and historic locations, including Savannah, GA and Charleston, SC.

Required Qualifications

- Earned doctoral degree
- Demonstrated excellence in teaching
- An outstanding track record in research/extramural funding.
- An outstanding track record in peer-reviewed publications in leading journals
- Excellent interpersonal skills and promotion of positive work environment
- National reputation to merit an initial academic appointment at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor
- Documented record of successful leadership in an academic or clinical setting

Application review will begin October 15, 2016 and will continue until the position is filled.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest, contact information of 3 references, and curriculum vitae. On behalf of the search committee co-chairs, Michael K. Iwama, PhD OT(C) and Jim Burgess, PhD, applications will be received electronically by:

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Conditions of Employment:

All candidates are required to successfully pass a Background Check review. For specific positions, the successful candidate may be subject to a (pre-employment) physical, drug screen, and/or credit check.

The successful candidate will be required to provide proof of completed academic degree in the form of an original transcript. Those candidates trained by a foreign institution will also be required to provide an educational/credential evaluation.

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