Program in Physical Therapy Director Search

The Program in Physical Therapy at the University of Minnesota is inviting applications from talented and experienced academicians to serve as the 6th Program Director in the rich 75-year history of the Program.

Position Description

The position is a 12-month tenured appointment at the academic rank of Associate or Full Professor, depending on credentials. Responsibilities include:

- Serving as the primary leader of the Program
- Hiring, evaluating and developing faculty
- Fiscal management
- Maintaining accreditation
- Grantsmanship
- Scholarly productivity
- Teaching in Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Program in Rehabilitation Science
- Visionary leadership to promote ongoing advancement of the Program and the discipline of physical therapy locally, nationally and internationally

A talented Associate Director assists the Program Director considerably. This position requires an academic doctorate and clinical degree in Physical Therapy with licensure eligibility in Minnesota. An ideal candidate will have a passion for excellence in physical therapy professional, residency, and academic doctoral education, as well as enthusiasm for faculty governance.

University of Minnesota PT Program

The Program in Physical Therapy is located within the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation within the Medical School. The Program enjoys respectable visibility within the University and the Medical School through collaborative research, combined course work taught to physical therapy and medical students, and shared committee involvement. Fifty-two DPT students are admitted each year. The DPT academic and clinical curriculum spans three years and includes 141 semester credits. The budgeting model for the Program gives autonomy to the Program in directing itself by virtue of the Program controlling its primary revenue source, student tuition. Besides receiving much federal research funding, the Program also receives targeted research dollars from the State of Minnesota. A recently implemented landmark partnership with the University called the “Minnesota’s Discovery, Research, and InnoVation Economy” (MnDRIVE) has served to advance Program faculty research in brain neuromodulation.
and robotics. Physical Therapy faculty also benefit from another major research initiative that partners the University with the Mayo Clinic, located 75 miles away, in a project focused on bi-planar fluoroscopic motion analysis for measuring underlying bone motion.

The Program in Physical Therapy upholds a strong national reputation with regard to quality of graduates, NIH funding, scholarly productivity, global health, and humanistic outreach service. Besides the aforementioned DPT and PhD Programs, the Program also has a DPT/PhD Program and an accredited Geriatric Residency. There are 19 faculty lines. The next on-site review of the Program for accreditation by CAPTE will occur in 2020. The University of Minnesota is a major public research institution and Physical Therapy faculty have a rich history of interdisciplinary research with colleagues in Integrative Biology and Physiology, Neurology, Orthopedics, Radiology, Cancer Center, Center on Aging, Muscular Dystrophy Center, Center for Magnetic Resonance Research, Clinical Translational Science Institute, and the Institute for Engineering in Medicine. The website for the Program is [http://www.physicalrehab.umn.edu/program-physical-therapy](http://www.physicalrehab.umn.edu/program-physical-therapy).

**University of Minnesota and Community**

The University of Minnesota was established in 1851 and serves as Minnesota’s land grant university. It includes five campuses across the state with the Medical School being located on the main campus in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul (metro population=3.5 million). The Twin Cities boasts a major cultural center with renowned museums, theatrical venues, orchestras, dance companies and literature settings. There are major sports teams for both men and women. Minnesota ranks as the 2nd most bike friendly state and the 4th healthiest state in the nation. Minnesota is the “Land of 10,000 Lakes”, which offers enormous and varied recreational outdoor activities for all throughout the year.

**Application Process**

Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and the search will remain open until the position is filled. Applications should include a curriculum vitae, a cover letter of intent outlining prior academic administration, leadership, research, and teaching experiences, and the names and contact information including email for three references. Applications must be submitted online following the link: [https://employment.umn.edu/applicants/CentralquickFind=99406](https://employment.umn.edu/applicants/CentralquickFind=99406). For further information contact:

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