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**Job Title:** Chair And Program Director, Department Of Physical Therapy

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**Wichita State University (WSU)** seeks applications for the position of **Department Chair and Program Director, Department of Physical Therapy (PT), College of Health Professions (CHP)**. The College is seeking a visionary and collaborative administrator to join an already successful and evolving PT program. The Department Chair and Program Director is responsible for departmental organization and administration to include admissions, budget, personnel, program development, faculty development, course scheduling, and strategic planning; oversight of activities related to ongoing program assessment and accreditation; and general effectiveness of the programs and faculty. Responsible for guiding the creative/scholarly activity of the department, the Department Chair and Program Director promotes collaborative scholarship and interprofessional educational programs within the College of Health Professions. The new program leader is also responsible for carrying out the regular duties of a faculty member related to teaching, student advising, scholarly activities, and service to the University and community. As a member of the College's Executive Council, the Department Chair and Program Director must be fully engaged in the adaptive challenges facing the College.

**The Department of Physical Therapy:** With strong support from the Dean and University Administration, the Doctor of Physical Therapy program (DPT) at Wichita State University develops practitioners who are responsible for providing leadership in a dynamic profession encompassed in a constantly changing health care system. Students serve not only as practitioners, but also as educators in the profession utilizing best practices for promoting patient functional mobility, wellness, and fitness. The Wichita State Department of Physical Therapy graduated its inaugural class in 1975. Over the last 42 years the department has transitioned from a bachelor's degree to a clinical doctoral degree. With a fully staffed, energetic, supportive, self-motivated, and student-centered faculty, the program provides Kansas and the surrounding region with exceptionally qualified physical therapists. The program continues to be one of the strongest in the state.

Students gain knowledge through clinical learning experiences using advanced equipment and the latest technologies. These experiences enhance learning outcomes necessary to produce students who are fully trained to diagnose, restore, and prevent various physical injuries, conditions, and dysfunctions. WSU's Doctor of Physical Therapy program is the only program of its kind located in Kansas' health care hub and is fully accredited through the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. This program is located at WSU's downtown campus, requires 36 consecutive months of full-time study within nine semesters. Admission to the DPT program at WSU is competitive, with over 300 applicants each year for 40 seats. For more information on the department, please visit [www.wichita.edu/pt](http://www.wichita.edu/pt).

**Qualifications:** The successful candidate will have experience in higher education and a physical therapist education program; demonstrated organizational leadership and success working with teams; demonstrated academic and professional qualifications for providing effective leadership for the program, to faculty, and to students, as well as for communication, program assessment and planning, fiscal management, and faculty evaluation. Experience in teaching and student evaluation are necessary. The Department Chair and Program Director must possess excellent interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills; a commitment to interprofessional collaboration; experience with academic issues related to education and accreditation requirements; and a commitment to diversity. Preference will be given to candidates with a record of successful scholarship, commitment to a collaborative/inter-professional team environment, and experience with administration at the graduate level.

### **Minimum Education Requirements:**

- (1) Earned academic doctoral degree, e.g. PhD, ScD, EdD or other doctoral degree that requires advanced work beyond the master's level, including the preparation and defense of a dissertation based on original research, or the planning and execution of an original project demonstrating substantial scholarly achievement;
- (2) OR a Doctor of Physical Therapist (DPT) with an existing CAPTE-approved exemption to the required academic doctoral degree.
- (3) Formal education as a physical therapist.

### **Description:**

**The College of Health Professions:** Located in the state's health care capital, WSU's College of Health Professions is the leading provider of health care education in Kansas and a primary source of working professionals in the region. The institution's wide array of program options, innovative applied learning experiences, focus on emerging trends, and collaborative community of talented, committed faculty, staff, and students make WSU home to the only comprehensive college of health professions in the state. The College offers interprofessional education opportunities, high-tech simulation labs, patient-serving clinics, and unmatched community and health care industry partnerships, ensuring that graduates emerge with the clinical, leadership, scholarship, and service competencies needed in today's health care setting. The College enrolls over 2,000 students (approximately 500 graduate students and 1,500 undergraduate students) in eight separate units: 1) Communication Sciences and Disorders, 2) Nursing, 3) Dental Hygiene, 4) Physician Assistant, 5) Medical Laboratory Sciences, 6) Public Health Sciences, 7) Physical Therapy, and 8) the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program. For more information on the College of Health Professions, please visit [www.wichita.edu/thisis/academics/chp](http://www.wichita.edu/thisis/academics/chp).

**The Institution:** Wichita State University is a four-year, co-educational institution in Wichita, Kansas. It was established in 1895 and originally named Fairmount College. Wichita State University enrolls over 15,000 students: around 12,000 undergraduate students and 3,000 graduate students. WSU offers 60 undergraduate degree programs in more than 200 areas of study. Through the Cooperative Education and Internships program, students earn college credit, make professional connections, and join in experience-based learning. Wichita State has 15 teams that compete in NCAA Division I athletics. Combining tradition with innovation and taking learning out of the classroom and into the real world, WSU allows students to gain practical experience, build a resume, and make connections to get a jumpstart on a career.

The vision of Wichita State University is to be internationally recognized as the model for applied learning and research. The mission of Wichita State University is to be an essential educational, cultural, and economic driver for Kansas and the greater public good. WSU is a place where creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship are valued; a living/learning ecosystem has been custom-made to nurture success; and risk-taking and collaboration are not only accepted, but also encouraged. At WSU lessons extend beyond walls and campus boundaries to influence change on the grandest scale. For more information on Wichita State University, please visit [www.wichita.edu](http://www.wichita.edu).

**Location:** The Department of Physical Therapy is co-located with the Department of Physician Assistant in a beautiful, completely remodeled, state-of-the-art teaching and learning building in the Old Town historic district, nestled in the heart of Wichita, Kansas. Along brick-lined streets with historic lampposts are a collection of converted warehouses dating back to the mid-1800s. Built with brick and native limestone accents, these distinctive architectural features define the character of Old Town. With more than 100 businesses, Old Town has become a destination sought out for its restaurants, shops, clubs, theaters, galleries, museums, and stores. It has also become a popular place to live and stay. With hundreds of newly renovated apartments, luxury condos, and two of Wichita's finest hotels, Old Town is a vibrant and thriving community.

Not only has Wichita been named an All-American City four times since 1962 by the National Civic League, it also consistently ranks among the top cities nationally for quality of life. These accolades communicate affordability, short and easy commutes to work, and a high level of public safety—attributes not to be found in most metro areas. Wichita's diverse business community truly prizes and encourages entrepreneurship and innovation—values confirmed by companies like Pizza Hut and Coleman Companies, which got their starts in the middle of the heartland. In Kansas, Wichita is at

the center of everything. As the state's largest city—with a population of more than 680,000—Wichita is the commercial, financial, medical, cultural and entertainment hub for the state. From huge annual festivals and serene nature preserves to world-class dining and a thriving arts scene, Wichita provides endless opportunities for experiential learning and creative collisions with entrepreneurs, dreamers, and experts from all disciplines who are working for positive change in the world. Wichita is a virtual utopia.

**Application:** To apply for this position, please visit [jobs.wichita.edu/postings/12092](http://jobs.wichita.edu/postings/12092). The review of candidates will begin on February 5, 2018; applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For questions, please contact the **Search Committee Chair, Dr. Stephen Arnold**, Associate Dean, College of Health Professions at [Stephen.Arnold@wichita.edu](mailto:Stephen.Arnold@wichita.edu). The anticipated start date is July 2, 2018.

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