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**Job Title:** Assistant / Associate Professor

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**Date Ad Started:** May 02, 2017      **Expires:** August 02, 2017

**Position Description – Full-time Faculty**  
**Department of Physical Therapy**  
**College of Health Professions**  
**University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences**

**Title: Assistant / Associate Professor**  
**Rank: Professorial appointment (assistant or associate) on tenure track or non-tenure track**

**Position Announcement**

The College of Health Professions at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) seeks applicants for two full-time faculty positions in our new Department of Physical Therapy, which is located at the UAMS Northwest Campus in Fayetteville, Arkansas. This is an exciting opportunity for creative, resourceful individuals to help develop an innovative new program that enjoys strong institutional and community support, exceptional facilities and a small class size. Faculty positions are 12-month tenure-track positions at the assistant or associate professor rank, beginning spring/summer 2017. Salary and academic rank are commensurate with qualifications and college promotion and tenure criteria.

**Qualifications**

**Required**

- Doctoral degree, either (i) post-professional or (ii) DPT with advanced clinical specialization;
- Physical therapy license, or license eligible, in Arkansas;
- Minimum of 3 years' experience as a licensed physical therapist;
- Strong communication, organizational & interpersonal skills; ability to identify & solve problems;
- Contemporary expertise in clinical practice area;
- Interest and/or experience with designing and conducting independent or collaborative research in area of clinical expertise.

**Preferred**

- Advanced (non-clinical) Doctorate
- Teaching and clinical expertise in one or more of the following: cardio-pulmonary disorders; musculoskeletal disorders; pediatrics.

An ongoing scholarly agenda;  
3 years prior teaching experience in a physical therapy academic program;  
Active involvement in professional activities at the local, state or national level.

### **Responsibilities**

Design and teach academic courses in area(s) of content expertise;  
Engage in scholarly and service activities, consistent with university, college, and CAPTE expectations for core faculty;  
Contribute to program and curriculum assessment and planning activities.

#### **Description:**

### **The Program**

The UAMS Physical Therapy program admits 24 students per year, utilizing an individualized, holistic admission process that considers both academic and non-academic admission factors.

The curriculum emphasizes active learning methods, including flipping the classroom, that focus on integration and application of material and critical thinking skills. In-class sessions will involve problem-based and team-based learning, as well as inter-professional learning experiences.

Newly renovated facilities include 14,000 square feet of dedicated teaching and research space and two outpatient clinics, a multi-disciplinary clinic and a dedicated out-patient rehabilitation therapy clinic. Faculty and students will have ongoing patient contact in these out-patient clinics as well as an onsite skilled nursing facility, beginning early in the curriculum.

Simulations labs using standardized patients and in-house clinics will allow a progressive, ongoing clinical education experience, cumulating with, but not relying solely upon, clinical internships.

Onsite research equipment includes 2 Tekscan VersaTek Walkways, a 12-camera Opitrack Prime 13 system and a 16-channel Delsys Trigno EMG unit, all synchronized with a MotionMonitor data acquisition, analysis and visualization system. Also a BTE Primus, a Neurocom Balance Master with Invision, a Cosmed Quark CPET Metabolic Testing System, an AlterG Anti-gravity Treadmill and a Cadwell Sierra Summit NCV/EMG unit. Collaborative research opportunities exist with other faculty at UAMS Northwest, UAMS Little Rock and the nearby University of Arkansas campus.

The Program achieved Candidacy Status in August 2015. The site visit for full Accreditation is scheduled for Fall 2017.

### **Setting**

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) is the only academic health sciences university in the state of Arkansas and the state's largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees in 73 of Arkansas' 75 counties. UAMS offers 64 professional and specialist degree programs and certificates through our Colleges of Health Professions, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health and Graduate School. Students attend classes at the UAMS main campus in Little Rock and our regional campus in northwest Arkansas. The College of Health Professions enrolls students at numerous regional campus sites throughout the state.

Located in the heart of Fayetteville, Arkansas, UAMS Northwest was established in 2007 to expand the opportunities to educate health care professionals in the state. UAMS Northwest offers educational opportunities for students in the UAMS Colleges of Health Professions, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy. The campus offers state of the art library and clinical simulation facilities. Programs at the campus are designed to promote inter-professional learning and clinical experiences.

### **Application Process**

Evaluation of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the positions are filled. Please send a curriculum vitae and letter of interest electronically or by mail to:

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