

## Chair/Program Director of the Department of Physical Therapy

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Clarkson University invites applications for a Chair/Program Director of the Department of Physical Therapy in a 12-month tenure or clinical track position at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor. The Earl R. and Barbara D. Lewis School of Health Sciences is seeking an accomplished teacher scholar with a creative vision to lead the Department into the future. The Chair will be welcomed to join the Lewis School leadership team in efforts to ignite connections across disciplines while creating knowledge, an entrepreneurial mindset, and intellectual curiosity within its DPT graduates so they are prepared to lead innovative health relevant solutions for tomorrow. Successful candidates should have an interest in collaboration to aspire and advance the University vision for excellence within a highly interactive teaching/learning and research environment.

As a DPT program, we seek to guide the next generation of movement system experts to explore opportunities to participate in interprofessional practice, rural health initiatives and creative solutions that will optimize the health and wellbeing of our local communities and within our pluralistic society all around the globe. Clarkson DPT graduates are prepared through our unique learning environment based on principles of Problem-Based Learning to make sound clinical decisions and implement feasible solutions. Students develop tight-knit connections with their peers, faculty, and the community at large and can take their expertise anywhere upon graduation. The Department currently has 9 full-time faculty, a cohort size of 30 students, and a student to faculty ratio of 10-1. Opportunities for future School growth in educational offerings is being explored and a successful candidate will participate to set a new School vision, prioritize plans and participate in strengthening our longstanding footprint for the Health Sciences within Clarkson University. The Department received initial CAPTE accreditation in 2001 and has been successful to acquire DPT re-affirmation of accreditation through 2027. It is supported by strong clinical partners whose diverse professional expertise, commitment and active engagement in our education mission, research agendas and vision further exemplify the community commitment to prepare a highly qualified interdisciplinary graduate health professional workforce.

NY is the cultural and educational hub of Northern New York, with four universities in the area. In the Adirondacks of New York State, Potsdam is picturesque with much to offer outdoor enthusiasts. Potsdam offers a small-town experience with reasonable cost of living, good school districts, and a safe environment to raise a family, yet is relatively close to the urban opportunities afforded by Ottawa, Ontario, Montreal, Quebec, Syracuse, New York and Burlington, Vermont.

Clarkson University is a nationally recognized research university with signature areas of academic excellence and research in engineering, the sciences, humanities and the health sciences directed toward the world's pressing issues. With more than 4,300 undergraduate and graduate students, its main campus is located in Potsdam, N.Y., with additional graduate programs and research facilities located in the Capital Region and Beacon, N.Y. Brookings has named Clarkson University in the top 10 Universities nationwide for ROI with one in five alumni who leads as an owner, CEO, VP or equivalent senior executive with proven career and life success with remarkable mobility.

This position requires a thorough understanding of the possibilities of future physical therapy practice, transformational leadership qualities to advance the strategic vision of the School and Department, and relevant academic and professional qualifications and experience to meet all CAPTE standards for effective leadership within DPT programs.

Applications received prior to July 1, 2022 will receive priority consideration. This position will remain open until a successful candidate is secured. To submit your application, go to [www.clarkson.edu/hr](http://www.clarkson.edu/hr) and click "**Career Opportunities**". Complete applications should include the following:

- Cover Letter that outlines qualifications, credentials, teaching experience and accomplishments
- Curriculum Vitae
- Leadership Philosophy
- Diversity statement
- Professional references

Clarkson University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, and actively seeks and encourages applications from minorities, women and people with disabilities.

Prior to a final offer of employment, the selected candidate will be required to submit to a background check including, but not limited to, employment verification, educational and other credential verification, and criminal background check.

Questions can be directed to:

Dr. Dana Olzenak McGuire PT, DPT, PhD, MBA

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