Department of Physical Therapy | University of Central Arkansas

The Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Central Arkansas (UCA PT) invites applications for a full-time, non-tenure track faculty appointment to serve as the Director of Clinical Education. We are excited about your interest in joining the UCA family! You will be part of a supportive, student-focused faculty featuring diverse clinical specialties and active research agendas. UCA offers a competitive total compensation package - combining salary with robust benefits including a 10% university retirement contribution, an 80% tuition waiver for employees and dependents, comprehensive healthcare options, free recreation center access, and wellness incentives.

Our campus is located in Conway, Arkansas - a vibrant, rapidly growing community with an exceptionally low cost of living. Known as the "City of Colleges," Conway is home to three institutions of higher education, offering rich cultural amenities, strong public schools, and easy access to outdoor recreation. Connect with UCA PT online on Instagram (@UCADPT) and Facebook (UCA-Physical Therapy) to discover what makes our program and community special. Check out what our students are doing on our student-run Instagram (@uca_dpt_students) page as well.

Position Summary

Our core faculty engage in teaching, research, and service within a dynamic department that grants DPT and PhD degrees and sponsors an ABPTRFE-accredited Pediatric Residency program. This position is a 12-month non tenure-track appointment. Rank and salary are competitive and commensurate with candidate education, clinical expertise, and academic experience.

Key Responsibilities

- **Clinical Education and Leadership:** Direct, coordinate, and evaluate the DPT Clinical Education program including assignment of clinical placements, assessment of student performance and learning outcomes, student support and remediation, and continuous program improvement
- **Clinical Partnerships and Faculty Development:** Establish and maintain collaborative relationships with clinical education sites and clinical faculty to ensure diverse, high-quality clinical learning experiences. Support the professional development of clinical instructors through education, mentorship, and ongoing collaboration
- **Teaching:** Coordinate and teach clinical education courses and contribute to additional DPT coursework consistent with the candidate's clinical expertise and departmental needs
- **Scholarly & Professional Activity:** Engage in scholarly activities, professional development, and service that advance clinical education, physical therapy practice, and the mission of the department

- **Collaboration:** Provide leadership for the Clinical Education Team and participate in departmental committees, university service, and state, regional, or national professional activities

Qualifications

- **Clinical Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT)**
- **Experience in Clinical Instruction:** Applicants must have demonstrated record of serving as a clinical instructor to DPT students
- **Teaching Capability:** Demonstrated record of teaching effectiveness or commitment to developing proficiency in course design, instruction, and student assessment.
- **Licensure:** Candidates must hold or be eligible for physical therapy licensure in the state of Arkansas.
- **Technology and Database Utilization:** Experience with or commitment to developing proficiency in utilization of software systems and databases relevant to clinical education

Application Process

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. The desired start date for this position is **May 16, 2027**.

To apply, please submit your application materials through the UCA Employment Portal**.**

For questions regarding the position or application process, please contact the Search Committee Chair: **Melissa Allen PhD, DPT.** Email: mrallen@uca.edu