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Job Title: Chair, Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences

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Description:

The Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences at Drexel University in the College of Nursing and Health Professions is seeking a dynamic leader and scholar to facilitate the department's visions in research, teaching, clinical practice and service. The Chairperson would oversee 16 FT faculty and 3 staff dedicated to excellence in educating professionals within our existing Professional DPT program, PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences, and post-professional certificates in Hand, Pediatrics and Orthopedic Residency programs starting in 2013. For over 30 years our nationally-ranked programs have used evidence-based practice and strong clinical research to advance the field and prepare students for leadership as research scientists, educators, and clinicians.

The new Chairperson will help us grow our research and clinical practice as we move into a new 21,000 sq. ft. space housing expanded research laboratories and a multidisciplinary clinical practice in Spring 2013. The Department's grant-supported research programs include collaborations with faculty in the College of Medicine, School of Public Health, and School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems. Our established and exponentially expanding faculty clinical practice serves the Drexel community, including the athletic and dance departments and a community health center operated by the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

The Department Chair is responsible for the vision, leadership, and administration of the educational, research, service, and clinical practice programs. Additional key responsibilities include budget management and administration, and faculty development and evaluation. The Chairperson must foster a research culture and actively facilitate grant-seeking and research collaborations within the College and University. The Chair serves as the primary voice and advocate for the Department at the College and University levels and represents the Department to external accrediting agencies and the professional community.

Qualifications:

1. Research-based doctoral degree (PhD or equivalent), with a record of sustained research productivity that reflects an academic and research record eligible for tenure at Drexel.
2. Ability and desire to mentor faculty and developing scientists, initiate collaborative projects, and continue an active research agenda.
3. Understanding and familiarity with the accreditation process, doctoral programs and curriculum development, university teaching, and collaboration within a complex organization.
4. Experience in an academic administrative leadership role with demonstrated successes is desired.
5. Eligible for Pennsylvania licensure as a physical therapist.
6. The successful candidate will be innovative with the personnel management skills to build a shared vision.

This position is a 12-month, tenured faculty appointment. Salary is commensurate with qualifications. Laboratory space and start-up package will be negotiated based upon the candidate's needs and record of research success.

Drexel University's mission is to serve students and society through comprehensive integrated academic offerings enhanced by technology, co-operative education, and clinical practice in an urban setting with global outreach embracing research, scholarly activities, and community initiatives. For eight consecutive years, Drexel has been ranked in the category of Best National Universities in "America's Best Colleges" by *U.S. News & World Report*. Drexel also ranked second among national universities in the *U.S. News* list of "Up-and-Comers," those schools most often cited by university administrators nationwide as making "the most promising and innovative changes in the areas of academics, faculty, student life, campus, or facilities." Philadelphia, "the city of neighborhoods," is the nation's fifth largest metropolitan area, offering rich and diverse historical,

cultural, and recreational opportunities as well as a broad range of healthcare facilities for faculty research and service.

Interested candidates should send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, five-year research plan, and three references to: Sheri P. Silfies PT, PhD, Chair Search Committee, Drexel University, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences, 245 N. 15th Street, MS 502, Philadelphia, PA 19102-1192 (P: 215-762-5136; F: 215-762-3886; E-mail: silfies@drexel.edu).

Drexel University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and encourages applications from women, members of minority groups, disabled individuals, and veterans. Drexel University and the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences are interested in candidates who are committed to the highest standards of research and professional activities, and to the development of a campus climate that supports equality and diversity.