



Founding Program Director, Doctor of Physical Therapy

Faulkner University, in partnership with the national search firm **Scott Healy & Associates**, invites applications and nominations for the position of **Founding Program Director, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program**. Reporting to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Founding Program Director is responsible for the overall planning, direction, and management of the DPT program. The Founding Program Director will be a visionary and experienced leader who will serve as the first Program Director of Faulkner's DPT program currently under development. The Founding Program Director will lead the development of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, oversee the CAPTE accreditation process, coordinate daily operations, and maintain ongoing collaboration with faculty to cultivate excellence in research, teaching, and service. In doing so, the Founding Program Director will ensure this new program will prosper as an integral part of the mission of Faulkner University. The Founding Program Director will have teaching responsibilities as well. Successful candidates must demonstrate a commitment to Christ-centered Liberal Arts education, Christian service, and the mission of Faulkner University.

The Director's immediate task is to develop the program and secure its accreditation with Faulkner's Regional Accreditor (SACSCOC) and with CAPTE. Depending on available slots with CAPTE, the program will begin classes in either the fall of 2019 or 2020. The Director will serve as the strategic, spiritual, academic, and operational leader of the DPT program by providing effective leadership in the areas of accreditation, curriculum, faculty development, student recruitment, quality improvement, strategic planning, spiritual growth, and budget management. In collaboration with the faculty, the Director will assure delivery of the DPT curriculum in a manner that meets program goals and learning outcomes, and fulfills the vision, mission, and strategic plan of the program and University.

The Director will work collaboratively with the Academic VP, the PT faculty and staff, and others in the institution to advance education and scholarship in a culture of collegiality, inter-professionalism, and excellence. A goal of the program is for graduates to be prepared to practice in a team-based, patient-centered, dynamic health care environment of the future. The Director will serve as an important conduit connecting the PT program with the community and with other University departments, communicating information and contributing to the growth and improvement of the institution. As an advocate for the program, the Director will collaborate with the administration in implementing the University's mission to create solutions for a healthier community.

Faulkner University

Faulkner University is a private, Christian liberal arts university based in Montgomery, Alabama. With a mission to provide an education anchored not only by intellect, but also character and service, the Faulkner experience aims to educate the whole person. The mission of Faulkner University is to glorify God through education of the whole person, emphasizing integrity of character in a caring, Christian environment where every individual matters every day.

Greater Montgomery, Alabama Community

Faulkner University is located in the city of Montgomery, the capital of the state of Alabama, as well as the county seat of Montgomery County. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the current population of Montgomery is approximately 226,000 people.

Montgomery is home to several historical events, most significant of which revolve around the Civil Rights Movement. With nearby cities including Prattville, Tuskegee, Auburn, and Selma, Montgomery and the surrounding area offer much in the way of arts, entertainment, and recreation. Within the city itself, there is the critically-acclaimed Alabama Shakespeare Festival; the Montgomery Biscuits, a minor league baseball team; the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts; the Montgomery Zoo; the W. A. Gayle Planetarium; and many other culturally-enriching points of interest. A recent revitalization of the downtown area has resulted in an increase in restaurants and shops, as well as a Riverwalk area with an outdoor amphitheater.

Venturing outside Montgomery, the surrounding area also offers locations such as the Tuskegee National Forest, Chewacla State Park, and the National Voting Rights Museum. Additionally, Montgomery is only 90 miles from Birmingham, AL, 160 miles from Atlanta, GA, and 170 miles from Mobile, AL. With major Interstates 65 and 85 intersecting in Montgomery, much traffic passes through the city.

Montgomery boasts several well-established neighborhoods with safe, affordable housing for families. The area offers public and private elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as six colleges and universities.

Qualifications

This is a full-time, 12-month, tenure-track position. The ideal candidate should have the following qualifications:

- Earned academic Doctoral degree (e.g: PhD, EdD, DHSc, DSc), as well as a license or eligibility to practice as a physical therapist in any United States jurisdiction
- Minimum of six years of full-time higher education experience, with a minimum of three years of full-time experience in a PT education program
- Excellence in teaching with a defined area of professional content expertise
- Established record of research/scholarly activity
- Active involvement in the physical therapy profession and understanding of key issues in physical therapy education
- Active member of the church of Christ, preferred

Applications

All correspondence relating to the position of Founding Program Director of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (DPT) at Faulkner University should be directed in confidence to the University's executive search consultant:

Mr. Christopher S. Healy, Vice President
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Services for Higher Education

The full and complete application should contain the following information:

- 1) A cover letter outlining your experience as a physical therapist and/or in related fields in higher education. Special attention will be paid to those applicants who have started, developed, and/or expanded a Master's or Doctoral program for physical therapy.
- 2) A complete CV outlining your career in higher education and within health related areas.
- 3) The names of five professional references, including their relationship to you, their position, email, and direct phone numbers. References will not be contacted without written permission.
- 4) Statement of teaching philosophy and acceptance of Faulkner's values.

Applications submitted by **January 22, 2018**, will receive priority consideration. This search will remain open until the position is filled.

Non-discrimination statement: Faulkner University is a church-affiliated liberal arts institution committed to employing a highly qualified and diverse administration, faculty and staff, which reflects the University's religious traditions, values and affiliation, and purpose. Thus, the institution invites individuals affiliated with the churches of Christ to submit applications regardless of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, gender, marital status, or disability. Faulkner University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, gender, marital status, or disability in connection with its educational policies, admissions, financial aid, employment, educational programs, or activities. However, Faulkner University exercises a preference in employment for those qualified applicants who are members of the churches of Christ whose lifestyles are consistent with the mission of the University and with the beliefs and values of the churches of Christ. For more information, please visit: www.faulkner.edu.