



Integrated Professional Education Complex



announces a National Search for

**Director of Fieldwork Education
and Assistant Professor of
Occupational Therapy**



University of the Sciences, a leading science and healthcare college in Philadelphia, PA, invites applications and nominations from candidates for the position of **Director of Fieldwork Education and Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy**. The Director reports directly to the Chair of the Occupational Therapy department in Samson College of Health Sciences.

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THE OPPORTUNITY

University of the Sciences has prepared students to be leaders and practitioners in the healthcare and science fields for nearly 200 years. Key to its distinctive education is a tradition of hands-on research and experiential learning that is evident in every graduate who has walked its campus. Innovation is encouraged at both the department and university level.

Since its founding in 1821 as Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, which was the first college of pharmacy in North America, USciences has grown to more than 30 degree-granting programs from bachelor's through doctoral degrees in the health sciences, bench sciences, and healthcare business and policy fields. USciences students are successful everywhere they go.

USciences is a part of Philadelphia's University City District (UCD) that has world-renowned anchor institutions, small businesses, and residents. The area is rich with health systems that provide direct patient care as well as numerous opportunities for collaborative research and clinical practice.

There are more than 100 hospitals and 150 research labs near campus. USciences is within walking distance to the Philadelphia VA Medical Center, Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania, the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and a city health center.

SAMSON COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Samson College of Health Sciences is one of the three colleges of USciences. Hands-on education with clinical patients and health promotion—integrated with theoretical, online, and service learning—is at the heart of its health professions curriculum.

The College has four departments: Kinesiology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Physician Assistant Studies. All of the programs provide students with a strong foundation for clinical practice through an inter-professional, science-centered education.

Serving more than 200 students, the Department of Occupational Therapy has 14 full-time faculty members. Recognized on the state, national, and international levels, these faculty members are talented teachers, experienced research partners, and professional mentors. They cultivate opportunities to work collaboratively across all disciplines.

The Department of Occupational Therapy offers three degree options.

- The accelerated pathway to the Doctor of Occupational Therapy is a six-year program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Health Science degree and Doctor in Occupational Therapy degree. It is one of only seven such programs in the nation.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SCIENCES MISSION STATEMENT

University of the Sciences prepares students to become leaders, innovators, and skilled practitioners in the sciences, the health professions, and related disciplines. We deliver excellence in teaching, research, and service through a safe and supportive environment in which our students live, learn, and succeed.



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- The Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree is also available as a four-year program for students who have completed a baccalaureate degree.

The Doctor of Occupational Therapy program is transitioning to a 3-year post-baccalaureate degree in 2022.

- The Master of Occupational Therapy program is available as a 2½-year program for students who have completed a baccalaureate degree.

Courses in the DrOT and MOT programs are delivered primarily onsite, with lab and fieldwork experiences required off-site in the community, and two courses delivered fully online. Students are required to complete two level II fieldwork courses for a total of 24 full-time equivalent weeks off-site in the community at the completion of the program.

THE POSITION

The Director of Fieldwork Education and Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy is accountable for managing the fieldwork program. The Director



also engages in student-centered learning and innovative teaching, as well as participates in scholarly activity commensurate with experience and interest.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Collaborates with faculty and staff to assess and improve student learning at the program-level.
- Ensures that student learning is

assessed at regular intervals and assessment findings are considered by appropriate stakeholders, and, when appropriate, ensures action plans are based on assessment findings and are consistent with departmental/college mission.

- Supervises the Academic Fieldwork Coordinator and the Administrative Fieldwork Assistant.
- Serves as a liaison between the USciences MOT and DrOT programs and fieldwork sites.
- Engages in ongoing development, implementation, and assessment of the fieldwork component of the curriculum.
- Maintains compliance with ACOTE fieldwork standards.
- Coordinates Level I and Level II fieldwork placements.
- Mentors students and facilitates quality learning experiences during fieldwork.
- Evaluates student performance to determine their ability to integrate didactic and fieldwork learning

WENDY E. WALSH, PhD, OTR/L

Chair, Department of Occupational Therapy



Dr. Walsh is Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy. She joined the USciences faculty full-time in 2011 and was named Chair of the Department in 2019 after serving a year as the interim in the leadership position.

Dr. Walsh leads by example. She has a hands-on approach to teaching and is active with both the MOT and DrOT programs, as well as with undergraduate students. She currently practices occupational therapy in a rehabilitation setting, is actively engaged in research, and is writing a book chapter. She fosters student professional identity discovery by exposing students to the political context with legislator visits. She also is an advisor to Pi Theta Epsilon, the national honor society for occupational therapy. As an occupational therapist, Dr. Walsh has worked with patients with traumatic brain injuries and strokes and those individuals in sub-acute rehabilitation and longer-term care.

After earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry from Beaver College in Pennsylvania, Dr. Walsh began a career as an industrial chemist. She later enrolled at USciences, earning a Bachelor of Science in Health Science degree, a Master of Occupational Therapy degree, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Health Policy. Her doctorate focused on professional occupational therapy advocacy and nationwide scope of practice issues.

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experiences and to progress within the curriculum.

- Educates students, fieldwork educators, and faculty about fieldwork education.
- Teaches in the MOT and entry-level DrOT programs.
- Services activities at the university and/or at clinical practice.
- Represents the university at the OT Philadelphia Region Fieldwork Consortium.
- Provides academic advising.
- Performs other duties as assigned or requested.

QUALIFICATIONS

A doctoral degree in occupational therapy or related field is required. Candidate must be initially certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) and be eligible for a Pennsylvania license.

Additional requirements include:

- Minimum of five years of clinical experience, including one year supervising fieldwork students

- Minimum of three years of academic experience with a record of excellence
- Effective supervisory skills
- Excellent organizational and multitasking skills to efficiently manage the fieldwork program
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills to work collaboratively with fieldwork sites and within the college and university
- Strong commitment to fieldwork education, teaching excellence, and scholarship.
- Computer proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook
- Comfortable with large database management

Finalist will be required to pass a background check.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SCIENCES

For nearly 200 years, University of the Sciences has prepared men and women to serve their communities through science and healthcare. The success of that mission is evident in the accomplishments of the many alumni of the private institution. From the founding of six of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies to the creation of a colon cancer test, USciences graduates continue to make a difference in their professions and the world.

The state-of-the-art campus supports the close-knit community of scholars. Located just west of Center City Philadelphia, the campus is bordered by the neighborhood's stately, tree-lined streets and sits adjacent to Clark Park.

The University's 23 buildings, sitting on 36 acres, are comprised of both historic structures and modern facilities, including more than 100 laboratories open to students. Among the newer



USciences Fast Facts

Enrollment:

- 2,231 total enrollment
- 1,231 undergraduate students
- 1,000 graduate students

Academics:

- 3 Colleges
 - Philadelphia College of Pharmacy
 - Samson College of Health Sciences
 - Misher College of Arts and Sciences
- 19 Bachelor's Degree Programs
- 14 Master's Degree Programs (including MBA, MOT, MS)
- 11 Doctoral Degree Programs (including PhD, PharmD, DPT, DrOT)

Faculty:

- 177 full-time faculty
- 7:1 undergraduate student-to-faculty ratio
- Nearly all full-time faculty have doctorates

Regional Accreditation:

- The University is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Undergraduate Gender:

- 34% Male, 66% Female

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facilities are the leading-edge McNeil Science and Technology Center; the 57,000-sq.ft. Integrated Professional Education Complex (IPEX), which is home to the physician assistant studies, pharmacy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, exercise science, psychology and healthcare business and policy programs; and the Athletic and Recreation Center. The University is a smoke and tobacco-free campus.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

The USciences campus is nestled in the heart of Philadelphia, one of the nation's most historic cities. With more than 6 million residents in the metropolitan area, the city has been selected for *U.S. News and World Report's* lists for "Best Places to Live" and "Best Places to Retire."

Attracting families, singles, millennials, and empty nesters alike, Philadelphia offers a wide variety of lifestyles and neighborhoods, with homes considered more affordable than comparable cities. It has an eclectic mix of restaurants, markets, clubs, and entertainment that provide plenty of opportunities for socializing.

Rich in sites that tell America's story from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell to Benjamin Franklin's printing press, the city is also known for its vast collection of public art. With over 4,000 works on display, about 50-100 new pieces are commissioned each year.

While Philadelphia has buses, trolleys, bike lanes, and subways, it has been ranked as one of the most walkable cities in the nation. Green space is abundant. Philadelphia's park system spans over 10,000 acres and has more than 270 miles of recreation trails, offering numerous outdoor adventures.



Philadelphia skyline

Philadelphia is only 100 miles from New York City and 130 miles from Washington, DC, and can be reached by both train and bus. Philadelphia

International Airport offers nearly 500 daily departures to more than 140 destinations worldwide.

NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Confidential inquiries are welcomed; nominations are invited.

1. **To Apply** - Applications must include:
 - a) Letter of interest
 - b) Current curriculum vitae
 - c) At least five references with full contact and e-mail information (References will not be contacted without applicant's consent.)
2. **Submit applications** to USciences-Dir@myersmcrac.com (preferably as PDFs). Materials are reviewed upon receipt. The search remains open until the position is filled.
3. **Submit nominations** to USciences-Dir-nominate@myersmcrac.com with the individual's full contact and email information.

Emily Parker Myers, CEO, and **Jennifer Barfield**, Senior Vice President, of **Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting**, are assisting USciences with this search.



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