

Department Chair, Department of Physical Therapy

The Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions at the University of South Alabama invites applications for the position of Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy. The position of Department Chair is a full-time, 12-month, tenure/tenure-track faculty appointment at the associate professor or professor rank. Applicants must hold a professional degree in physical therapy and a post professional doctoral degree, and have significant higher education administrative and leadership experience with evidence of a commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and service. Applicants must also have clinical experience and be eligible for licensure as a physical therapist in the State of Alabama.

The Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy reports directly to the Dean of the Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions. The Chair is expected to provide strategic vision and leadership to the academic department, including management of the academic program and research labs, and continued development of faculty. Successful applicants will also demonstrate excellent communication and fiscal management skills, ability to mentor faculty, and a record of scholarly achievement related to the field of physical therapy.

The Department of Physical Therapy at USA, with a nearly 40-year history, offers an accredited well-established and highly respected entry-level DPT program. The academic program is developed, managed, and implemented by the Department's nine full-time faculty members. The Department is housed in the Health Sciences building and includes research labs with a Vicon motion analysis system, BTE Primus, and a Carefusion portable metabolic system. Innovative teaching methods are encouraged and supported through the University's Human-Patient Simulation Program, Innovation in Learning Center, TeamUSA Quality Enhancement Plan, and the Interprofessional Education & Collaborative Practice initiative. Collaborative research and clinical practice opportunities are available through the USA Health System which includes the USA Medical Center, a level-1 trauma center, Children's & Women's Hospital, the Mitchell Cancer Institute, the USA Physicians Group, and the department's PT Faculty Practice.

The University of South Alabama is located in historic Mobile, Alabama on the sunny Gulf Coast, between New Orleans and the Florida panhandle. The University is a public, Carnegie "Research University/High Research Activity" institution, enrolling more than 16,000 students in nine colleges and schools. Founded in 1963, the University seeks to establish itself as a premier academic institution in the southeastern United States. Mobile is the center of a growing, two-county, metropolitan area (~600,000 residents) with an expanding, diverse economy.

Applicant instructions:

Review of applications will begin on **August 15, 2017** and will continue until the position is filled. The position will be available January 1, 2018. Please apply electronically at the link below and be prepared to attach a cover letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information of three references.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/usouthal/jobs/1812089>

Direct questions to the Search Committee Chair, Dr. Elizabeth M. Adams, Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions, Chair and Associate Professor of Speech Pathology and Audiology, 251.445.9361, eadams@southalabama.edu.

For more information about the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of South Alabama, please visit the website at: <http://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/alliedhealth/pt/index.html>

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