



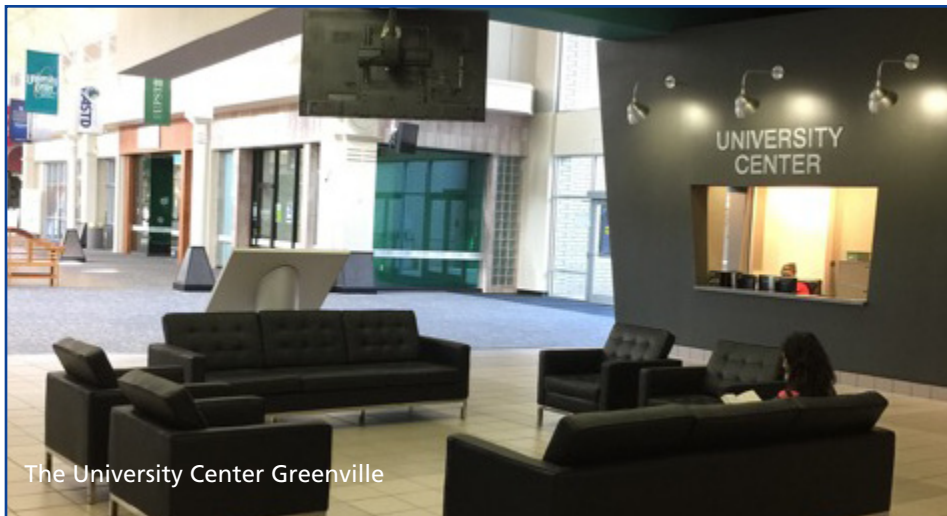
ANDERSON
UNIVERSITY



Inviting Nominations and Applications for
Founding Program Director and Chair
of the
School of Physical Therapy

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Founding Program Director and Chair of the School of Physical Therapy



The University Center Greenville

Anderson University seeks an visionary, entrepreneurially minded leader to serve as the founding **Program Director and Chair of its new School of Physical Therapy**, located at the University Center Greenville (UCG) in Greenville, S.C. The University plans to accept its first class in the Physical Therapy Program in 2018. The new Program Director and Chair will be key to completing the accreditation process, which will lead to the initial class. Candidates with a strong Christian value system, lifestyle, and commitment to the integration of faith and learning within the academic discipline of physical therapy education are encouraged to apply.

Established in 1911, Anderson University (AU) is an innovative and entrepreneurial university affiliated with the South Carolina Baptist Convention that highly values both the liberal arts and professional studies. With the main campus located in the vibrant city of Anderson, S.C., AU is a selective, comprehensive university offering bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees on campus and online and at the UCG.

The University is ranked 16th in Southern Regional Colleges and Universities by *U.S. News and World Report*. AU is ranked 1st in the categories of "Up and Coming Colleges and Universities," in

"Undergraduate Teaching," and in the combination of academic quality and cost efficiency.

Over the last decade, the University has been on an upward trajectory of accomplishment and has developed an identity as a rapidly advancing, selective university dedicated to providing an intellectually rigorous and outcomes-based educational experience.

AU has an enrollment of more than 3,100 undergraduate and graduate students. Through in-class, online, and hybrid classes, the University offers 38 majors, 45 concentrations, and 26 minors. Seven master's degrees in business administration, education,

criminal justice, ministry, and music, in addition to a Doctor of Ministry degree, are available at the graduate level.

Physical Therapy Program

After completing a feasibility study for a proposed Doctor in Physical Therapy degree, AU announced in 2015 plans for its new School of Physical Therapy. The School will be part of the College of Health Professions. Development of the faculty, facilities, and resources has begun, with the first classes expected to begin in early 2018.

Along with program acceptance from the regional accreditor, SACSCOC, the University will seek specialized accreditation of the physical therapy program by The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

Classes will be held at the UCG, located 30 minutes from Anderson and 5 minutes from downtown Greenville. Shared by seven public and private institutions of higher education in South Carolina, the UCG has more than 150,000 square feet of educational space. The facilities include more than 55 dedicated and shared instructional spaces, with state-of-the-art classrooms and teaching laboratories. AU has 8,500 square feet of administration and office space at the Center for the College of Health Professions.

Anatomy courses will be held at the Center for Medical Simulations on main campus in Anderson. Occasional course-specific, local clinic visits, and

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Mission Statement of Purpose

Anderson University is an academic community, affiliated with the South Carolina Baptist Convention, providing a challenging education grounded in the liberal arts, enhanced by professional and graduate programs and a co-curricular focus on the development of character, servant leadership, and cultural engagement. This is a diverse community that is Christ-centered, people-focused, student-oriented, quality-driven, and future-directed.

off-site service learning projects may be required.

Initially, the plan is for AU to accept 28 students per year into the three-year, 120 hour-credit program. Faculty and staff will include the Program Director, the Director of Clinical Education, seven core faculty, and two administrative assistants. A Director of Clinical Education was identified for the program in June 2016.

The Position

The Program Director and Chair will have the opportunity to create a pedagogically rich learning environment that will foster the educational success of physical therapists at the local, regional, and national levels.

The Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy will be a full-time, 12-month position overseeing all administrative responsibilities for the department as well as participating in and providing academic leadership for teaching, service, and scholarly activities.

Responsibilities will include:

- Providing leadership to departmental program directors in the day-to-day management of departmental programs
- Leading the development of a stronger departmental research agenda while conducting externally funded and internationally recognized scholarly activities
- Managing personnel-related activities, such as recruitment, new hire recommendations, and departmental performance evaluations
- Coordinating and managing the departmental budgeting processes, and overseeing departmental financial processes
- Providing leadership for academic and professional development, and departmental curriculum review/development
- Developing and maintaining key relationships with affiliating institutions and agencies
- Providing constructive feedback and assistance to faculty, staff, and students on professional development, performance, and projects
- Identifying and establishing fundraising priorities and securing gifts from alumni, corporations, foundations, and/or supporters
- Designing processes that increase the representation of diversity within the student body and departmental personnel
- Exploring entrepreneurial relationships with businesses and community organizations that can advance the clinical practice of physical therapy

The Chair also will possess the following characteristics:

- Ability to organize and present ideas clearly
- Experience and success with external grant proposal writing
- A strong record of leading research programs
- Skill in budgetary planning and fiscal management
- Appreciation for clinical work
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated ability and inclination to provide collaborative leadership

Qualifications

Qualified candidates will have a post-professional academic doctorate degree and six years of experience in higher education with at least three years of experience in a physical therapy program.

Candidates must be a licensed physical therapist and have a strong Christian value system.

Additional requirements include:

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Vision Statement

For God and humanity, Anderson University seeks to be an innovative, entrepreneurial, premier comprehensive university where liberal arts, professional studies, and graduate studies thrive within an uplifting, welcoming, and distinctively Christian community of diverse faculty, staff and students dedicated to intellectually rigorous learning, a caring and hospitable campus culture, and personal transformation.



- An understanding of higher education and contemporary clinical practice appropriate for leadership in physical therapy education
- A strong desire to provide a positive impact on traditional and adult student learning
- Demonstrated ability to lead in the assessment and continuous improvement of every aspect of the School of Physical Therapy

Greenville, South Carolina

If you want a good place to live, work, and raise a family, Greenville, S.C., is that place. Nestled into the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Greenville is one of America's fastest growing cities.

Ranked among "America's Ten Best" downtowns by *Forbes Magazine*, Greenville offers stunning natural beauty and an unexpected contemporary cool, with quaint shops, fabulous restaurants, and world-class cultural and performing arts provided against a natural backdrop of beautiful lakes, rivers, and mountains.

The third largest urban area in South Carolina, Greenville is home to

the North American headquarters for Michelin, AVX Corporation, CertusBank, and Scansource. The South Carolina Technology and

Aviation Center, in Greenville, is home to a Lockheed Martin aircraft and logistics center, as well as facilities operated by 3M and Honeywell.

Application Process

Confidential inquiries are welcomed and nominations are invited.

1. **To Apply** - Applications must include the following:
 - A letter of interest
 - A current curriculum vitae
 - At least five references with full contact information (References will not be contacted without consent from applicants.)
 - Your answers to the questions at www.myersmcrac.com/skins/userfiles/file/MMQuestions.pdf
2. **Submit applications** to Anderson-PT@myersmcrac.com

Applications are reviewed when received. The search remains open until the position is filled.

Nominations should include contact information for the individual being nominated. Submit nominations to Anderson-nominate@myersmcrac.com.

Alan Medders, President, of **Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting** is assisting the university with this search.



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