



Position Profile

Occupational Therapy Faculty



The Opportunity

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center invites applications for an open-rank, full-time faculty position in the Department of Occupational Therapy—an exciting opportunity for a dynamic educator, clinician, and scholar to shape the next generation of occupational therapy professionals. This role offers the chance to engage deeply in teaching, student mentorship, and program development within a collaborative, interprofessional academic health environment. The successful candidate will play a central role in advancing the department’s mission through innovative instruction, meaningful service, and leadership in the admissions process, while also contributing to a culture that values community engagement and interprofessional collaboration across the university and the broader region.

This position is particularly well-suited for a motivated professional eager to build or expand a scholarly agenda while remaining connected to clinical practice. Faculty are supported in disseminating research, participating in university governance, and leading initiatives that strengthen both academic and community partnerships. With flexibility in rank and a strong emphasis on leadership, communication, and vision, the role presents a compelling platform for individuals who are passionate about advancing occupational therapy education, fostering inclusive excellence, and making a lasting impact on students, the profession, and the communities they serve.



Responsibilities

Faculty responsibilities include teaching, student advisement, university and professional service, overseeing the admissions process, with opportunities to participate in clinical practice. Faculty will be expected to disseminate scholarly work in accordance with professional and college guidelines.

Salary and rank will be commensurate with experience.

About the Department

The mission of the **Department of Occupational Therapy** is to guide students in integrating academic knowledge, community engagement, and clinical experiences, with the goal of graduating outstanding practitioners who are committed to leadership and evidence-based practice.

UT Health Science Center program in Occupational Therapy prepares outstanding clinicians, to meet the state's workforce needs while maintaining a standard of academic excellence. The entry level Master's and OTD programs in Occupational Therapy have the unique opportunity to include health concerns of urban communities while providing cost-effective healthcare education.

The Department of Occupational Therapy has the only clinic in the Mid-South providing occupational therapy services at no cost to uninsured or underinsured children, the UT Health Science Center Rachel Kay Stevens Therapy Center is strengthening the community by providing science-driven, evidence-based occupational therapy to support children with special needs and their families in fulfilling their potential for participation and engagement within the contexts of everyday living.



Qualifications

EDUCATION: Clinical or post-professional Doctoral Degree in Occupational Therapy or related field (OTD, DrOT, DSc, EdD, ScD, PhD).

EXPERIENCE: Three (3) years of post-licensure clinical experience as an Occupational Therapist. Excellent communication, conflict management and problem-solving skills. Strong leadership skills and a vision for excellence. University or clinical teaching experience in needed content areas. Strong communication and interpersonal skills.

LICENSES: NBCOT certification as an Occupational Therapist. Licensed and eligible to practice occupational therapy in the State of Tennessee.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Five or more years of post-licensure clinical experience as an Occupational Therapist.
- Previous teaching experience at the university level.
- Experience supervising graduate students.
- Defined research agenda with a history of peer-reviewed publications
- Evidence of leadership in a professional organization at a state or national level
- Commitment to lifelong learning
- Evidence of leadership or administration in clinical practice



The College of Health Professions

The **College of Health Professions** offers a diverse array of programs designed to prepare students for rewarding careers in the health professions, including Audiology, Cytotechnology and Histotechnology, Health Informatics and Information Management, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Pathologists' Assistant, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Pathology.

The College's Audiology and Speech Pathology programs are located in Knoxville, while all other programs are based in Memphis, ensuring students have access to exceptional educational opportunities across the state of Tennessee. Demonstrating the strength of its academic offerings, the Audiology program was recently ranked 23rd in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, and the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech Pathology programs were ranked among the top 25 percent in the country.

The College's dedicated faculty are leaders in their respective fields and are committed to providing students with cutting-edge knowledge and hands-on experiences that empower them to make a meaningful impact in healthcare. Whether diagnosing hearing disorders, preparing and analyzing laboratory specimens, developing innovative health informatics solutions, or delivering essential therapeutic services, students benefit from the support and resources needed to excel.



Mission of the College

The Mission of the College of Health Professions is to create outstanding health professionals to improve the well-being of Tennesseans and the global community through collaborative and inclusive education, scientific discovery, clinical care, and public service. The mission of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center is to transform lives through collaborative and inclusive education, research/scholarship, clinical care, and public service. The College graduates outstanding health professionals who address the health care needs of the people of Tennessee, provide leadership in the respective health professions, contribute to evidence-based practice through cutting edge research, and promote healthy lifestyles and lifelong learning.

UT Health Science Center

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center's Memphis campus comprises six colleges– Health Professions, Dentistry, Graduate Health Sciences, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy. The Memphis Core Teaching Hospitals include St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Methodist Healthcare, Regional One Health, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, Baptist Memorial Health Care, Memphis VA Medical Center and St. Francis Hospital.

For more information about UT Health Science Center, go to:

<https://uthsc.edu/about/index.php>.

UT Health Science Center has a long and rich tradition of accomplishments in basic, clinical, and translational research in a wide variety of disciplines focused on the health issues that impact our community, our region, the state of Tennessee, and the world. UT Health Science Center researchers are supported by both government grants and private funding. The Cancer Center Building opened in 2007 and is the Mid-South's only adult cancer research facility, housing 32 research laboratories and more than 65 scientists. The 140,000-square foot Translational Science Research Building opened in 2016 and currently houses 40 investigators focused on cardiovascular and related diseases. During the last fiscal year, UT Health Science Center generated approximately \$85 million in sponsored programs, including NIH grants and grants from private foundations. For more information about UT Health Science Center's research, go to: (<https://uthsc.edu/research/>). The University of Tennessee system has a combined student enrollment of more than 49,000 students, over 360,000 living alumni, and a total endowment that tops \$1 billion.

About Memphis

Memphis is an exciting city that offers visitors and residents opportunities for a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities. Memphis has a rich history that is celebrated at the National Civil Rights Museum in the Lorraine Motel, Graceland, and the Children’s Museum.

Memphis has a long heritage of music as the home of the blues and the birthplace of rock and roll. It hosts jazz festivals, Beale Street, and Sun Studios. Memphis is the barbecue pork capital of the world and hosts the Memphis in May International Festival and World Championship BBQ Cooking Contest.

In sports, Memphis is home to the Memphis Grizzlies (NBA) basketball team, the Memphis Redbirds (AAA) baseball affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals, and the various collegiate sports of the University of Memphis. The city has many outdoor recreational opportunities ranging from Shelby Farms Greenline, hiking, water activities, bicycle friendly lanes, and jogging paths.

The outstanding Memphis Zoo was voted one of America’s Top 10 by Fodor’s Travel. The city has several theaters, the Memphis Ballet, and the Memphis Symphony. Memphis has affordable housing of various types, no state income tax, and an easily accessible international airport.

For more information about Memphis, go to: <https://www.memphistn.gov/>.



Application & Nomination Process

How To Apply

Greenwood Asher & Associates is assisting UT Health Science Center in this search. Applications and nominations are now being accepted.

Please submit full application packets [here](#).

Submission of resume and cover letter as PDF attachments is strongly encouraged. The search will be conducted with a commitment to confidentiality for candidates until finalists are selected.

Initial screening of applications will begin immediately and will continue until an appointment is made.

Compensation

Salary will be competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Nominations and inquiries should be directed to:

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