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Job Title Department Institution	Assistant/Associate Professor - Physical Therapy (Kinesiology) School of Kinesiology Auburn University Auburn, Alabama
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Application Deadline Position Start Date	Open until filled Available immediately
Job Categories	Assistant Professor Associate Professor
Academic Field(s)	Physical Therapy/Rehabilitation
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Job Description	

Job Description Summary

POSITION: The Auburn University Physical Therapy (AUPT) Program in the School of Kinesiology seeks to hire one founding tenure-track faculty member at the Assistant/Associate Professor rank with expertise in Physical Therapy to begin in Summer 2024. This position is part of a cluster of faculty who will be hired at Auburn University over the next twelve to eighteen months and will be the core faculty for the brand-new Physical Therapy Program. The program's mission is to educate and train diverse physical therapists emphasizing service among rural and underserved areas in Alabama and beyond.

We are looking for a highly collaborative faculty member to join us for a full-time, 12-month, position at the Assistant/Associate Professor rank in a developing DPT program as we work to establish an



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accredited program and set a gold standard in the advancement of physical therapy and promoting the health of all members of our community. The responsibilities will include participating in ongoing curriculum development, implementation, and evaluation; teaching assigned courses; active involvement in the faculty clinic; advising and mentoring students; establishing and maintaining a record of research and scholarly productivity; providing community service; and participation in program and university committees as appropriate.

If you are passionate about inclusive excellence and advocating for diverse communities, we invite you to apply to our developing Physical Therapy program. As a leader in the field, the School of Kinesiology has a long-standing commitment to creating an inclusive environment that welcomes individuals from diverse backgrounds, and we are dedicated to maintaining this culture as we build our PT program. Housed in the school, the developing PT program seeks contributions from those of diverse backgrounds who represent and advocate for our communities we serve. Auburn University is a land-grant university and houses nursing, pharmacy, speech-language pathology and veterinary medicine. The Edward Via College of Medicine also resides on the Auburn Campus and actively partners with colleges across the university. Interprofessional education is a strong foundation at AUPT with faculty and students training together as an interprofessional team across the curriculum. In addition, AUPT will host a faculty practice clinic for students and faculty to practice and treat many of our communities' most underserved and vulnerable populations. The PT program will be home to a high-tech anatomy simulation lab, two state-of-the-art clinical classrooms, and a dedicated active learning studio/classroom. Our curriculum is grounded in our mission and designed to produce competent and compassionate clinical physical therapists who are committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and to improving the health and wellbeing of all individuals, particularly those in underserved communities, through evidence-based practice, innovation, and advocacy.

The DPT program recently received *Program with full-time Director* status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). On our current timeline we will matriculate our charter cohort of 38 students in Summer of 2025.

Minimum Qualifications

We are seeking a faculty member who is:

- Interested in joining a unit with a mission to train physical therapists emphasizing advancement of Physical Therapy services in rural and medically underserved communities.
- Experienced PT clinician and educator with a commitment to excellence in clinical teaching and scholarly activity to contribute to the profession of physical therapy and mission at Auburn University.



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- Committed to the profession's vision to transform society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience.
- Demonstrated experience in and/or commitment to fostering diversity and inclusive excellence in healthcare and higher education.
- Contemporary practice expertise and teaching experience in women's health, cardio-pulmonary therapeutics, orthopedics/sports medicine, neurological rehabilitation, geriatrics, pediatrics with biomechanics/ kinesiology/ movement science and/or applied neuroscience/electrophysiology practice environments, and other areas of contemporary expertise.
- Experienced or have interest in interprofessional education and simulation as student learning experiences.
- Engaged in professional associations and committed to professional and community service.

Required Qualifications:

- Physical Therapist with terminal academic doctorate degree (PhD, EdD, DSc) at time of employment
- Licensed or eligible for PT licensure in Alabama is required at time of employment

The successful candidate must meet eligibility requirements for work in the United States at the time the appointment is scheduled to begin and continue working legally for the term of employment.

Desired Qualifications

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- Post-doctoral training is desired
- History of extramural grant funding is desirable
- Experience teaching in a DPT program is desired
- Board certification or exceptional clinical experience is desirable

Special Instructions to Applicants

Review of applications will begin September 1, 2023 and continue until the position is filled. Applications should be submitted through Auburn University's on-line system. Please use the following link to submit application materials – <u>https://www.auemployment.com/postings/38247</u>. A complete application should include the following required documents:



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- Cover letter outlining your interest and qualifications for the position. Please describe how your academic concentration will advance the strategic mission of the Physical Therapy Program, School of Kinesiology and Auburn University
- Current Curriculum Vitae
- Teaching philosophy statement, including commitment to inclusive excellence in the classroom
- Statement of Research and/or goals, including commitment to inclusive excellence in research
- Three (3) professional references with contact information, title, institutional affiliation, email address and direct phone numbers
- All academic transcripts and proof of licensure

General inquires may be directed to Andreas Kavazis PhD (ank0012@auburn.edu), Search Committee Co-Chair and Harsimran S. Baweja PT PhD (hsb0025@auburn.edu), Search Committee Co-chair & Program Director of Physical Therapy.

Auburn University is understanding of and sensitive to the family needs of faculty, including dual-career couples. More Information can be found by announcements provided by the AU **Provost's Office**.

As part of its commitment to a safe and equitable community, AU requires that individuals seeking faculty employment provide at the time of application authorization to conduct background checks if they become a finalist for the position; applications without this authorization will be considered incomplete and not considered.

A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed before any candidate can be offered a position with AU. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current AU employees who apply for the position.

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Contact Information

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applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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