THE SEARCH
The Simmons College Physical Therapy Program invites applications, inquiries and nominations for the position of Physical Therapy Program Chair, within the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. The ideal candidate must have an accomplished scholarly agenda and extensive teaching experience in Neurological or Orthopedic Physical Therapy. As a leader, the candidate should have a broad range of experience within the physical therapy and healthcare community; activity in applicable professional associations; and a current understanding of trends and changes in the field, including the impact of technology.

The successful candidate will be a dynamic leader with strong interpersonal skills and a national reputation who will maintain and advance the Simmons Physical Therapy Program's strong national stature, ranking, and impact in the 21st century.

This is a twelve-month tenure track position, reporting to the Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. Rank and compensation for this position will be commensurate with accomplishments and experience.

QUALIFICATIONS
Candidates for the position should have the following qualifications:

- An earned Ph.D. in Physical Therapy or related discipline.
- Advanced clinical specialization in neurological or orthopedic physical therapy.
- Ongoing scholarly activity that includes research, grant funding and publication.
- 3-5 years experience in physical therapy academic administration and 3-5 years college experience.
- Ability and willingness to teach courses in her/his area of clinical or research expertise and willingness to teach inter-professional courses.
- Interest in teaching adult learners.
Expertise in online teaching pedagogies, preferred.

TO APPLY:
The Search Committee for the position of Physical Therapy Program Chair at Simmons College will review applications beginning immediately, and will continue to do so until the position is filled. Please send CV with cover letter, via email, in strict confidence to:

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SIMMONS COLLEGE
Located in Boston's historic Fenway area along the Emerald Necklace designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, Simmons College is a small, private university that has educated students for enriching careers and useful, independent lives since 1899. Simmons College has a four-year, undergraduate women's college and five coeducational graduate schools. Simmons enrolls 2,000 undergraduate women and over 3,000 graduate women and men. The five graduate schools at Simmons College provide postgraduate awards at certificate, master's and doctoral levels in Library and Information Science, Social Work, Nursing and Health Sciences, Management, and Arts and Sciences. Their accredited awards are highly regarded by the professions they serve, and the schools are highly ranked nationally.


Simmons College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and by national and regional discipline-specific agencies.

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES
The School of Nursing and Health Sciences (SNHS) at Simmons College offers nationally accredited graduate programs in health care administration, nutrition and health promotion, physical therapy, and primary health care nursing, including dual degree options, online programs, and advanced graduate certificates. Located in Boston's renowned Longwood Medical Area, SNHS provides rigorous academic preparation and clinical experience, with exceptional training and research opportunities.
THE PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

The Physical Therapy Program was founded at Simmons College in 1947 and has a long history of providing quality professional education to leaders and highly regarded practitioners of the future. The faculty members of the program are experienced educators and respected clinicians who are dedicated to creating a learning community that values engaged students, mentoring, active learning opportunities, evidence based research and clinical coursework, small group case-based learning activities, and strong clinical experiences enhanced by faculty mentorship. High student performance on the NPTE, student employment upon graduation and employer and patient satisfaction with Simmons Physical Therapy alumni are indicators of the strength of the curriculum, faculty effectiveness and student dedication.

As a member of the Longwood Healthcare community that consists of nationally ranked hospitals and the Harvard Schools of Medicine, Dentistry and Public Health, Simmons provides the healthcare professional with unique opportunities for academic, research and clinical collaborations. Located in Boston, Simmons College is an innovative institution that links transformative learning with the pursuit of lifelong purpose.

Situated in the School Nursing and Health Sciences, the PT professional program offers a unique interdisciplinary environment that prepares graduates to meet the challenges of today's health-care system. The curriculum emphasizes a problem-based, self-directed approach to learning, using case studies to integrate basic science and clinical knowledge and skills in conjunction with psychosocial, ethical, and behavioral aspects of patient care. In small group tutorials, students work closely with individual faculty to explore information and develop clinical insights and professional behaviors. Professional practice is a fundamental component of the curriculum accomplished through integrated clinical experiences and fulltime clinical internships. Program graduates practice in a variety of health care settings with individuals of all ages. They demonstrate excellent clinical skills, leadership, and confidence and are successful practitioners.

Academic Programs

Pre-Professional Physical Therapy Program
For students entering as first year undergraduates, the major extends over a period of six years. The first three years are devoted to fulfilling requirements in the necessary basic and social sciences, liberal arts, and electives. During the final three years, students are enrolled in the graduate program at the School for Health Sciences and take courses in the professional curriculum. At the end of four years, a student receives a BS degree. At the end of six years, a clinical doctoral degree is awarded, the Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Professional Doctorate in Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)
The Simmons Professional D.P.T. Program provides a strong foundation in evidence-based clinical practice and prepares students to become dynamic leaders in the profession. This three-year, full-time program is designed for men and women who have completed three years of undergraduate work at Simmons or a college degree in a field other than physical therapy from another institution.

For more information about the Simmons College Physical Therapy Program, please go to: http://www.simmons.edu/snhs/programs/pt
The real-world approach to teaching personally engages each student. Although many courses involve the traditional lecture approach, all clinical courses have 4 important components: lecture, skills laboratory, small group discussion and one day per week of clinical practice. The program also includes 45 weeks of full-time clinical education experiences during the three years. Because doctoral-level practice requires an understanding of clinical research, students collaborate with faculty to either complete a research project or implement a systematic review, a comprehensive critical analysis of the evidence on a topic of their choice.

D.P.T. students attend classes both at Simmons and Harvard Medical School. In addition, more than 200 nationwide health care sites provide a wide of range of clinical education experience and valuable professional connections. All clinical sites are reviewed and approved by the Simmons Director of Clinical Education to insure a high level of mentorship, experienced clinical practitioners, consistent and appropriate patient availability and certified clinical instructors. The curriculum is designed to educate women and men to serve patients in the areas of health promotion, disease prevention, and rehabilitation. The didactic and clinical course material in each semester is well integrated to allow students to synthesize and apply newly acquired knowledge and skills. More than 200 clinical sites, located across the country, are affiliated with Simmons College and provide students with the opportunity to participate in the practice of physical therapy under the mentorship of skilled clinicians.

**Physical Therapy Program Accreditation**
The Physical Therapy Program at Simmons College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Educations (CAPTE).

**Physical Therapy Program Faculty Profile**
There are 8 full time faculty and 2 part time faculty in the Physical Therapy Program. Four faculty members are tenure/tenure track.

**Physical Therapy Program Student Profile**
There are 145 students in the Physical Therapy Program. These are all graduate students. There is also a pre- Physical Therapy program that gives students a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science.