Department Chair and Associate Professor/Professor for Rehabilitation Sciences—Search #67477
Waters College of Health Professions / Department of Rehabilitation Sciences

The Department of Rehabilitation Sciences in the Waters College of Health Professions invites applications and nominations for the position of Department Chair and Associate Professor/Professor. This position is located on the Armstrong campus in Savannah.

In January 2017, the University System of Georgia Board of Regents voted to consolidate Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University. The new, 27,000-student university will be named Georgia Southern University with campuses in Savannah, Statesboro, and Hinesville. The expected timeline for the first entering class will be fall 2018. Complete details are available at http://consolidation.georgiasouthern.edu/.

Within this setting, the Department offers undergraduate and accredited graduate programs in Rehabilitation Sciences and Communication Sciences and Disorders as well as a doctoral degree in Physical Therapy. The Department has 21 faculty and approximately 500 undergraduate and graduate students. The Department Chair will support the mission of the Waters College of Health Professions by ensuring that the programs in the Department support an interprofessional approach to healthcare education, providing leadership that educates students to become part of a well-trained, compassionate workforce.

Position Description. Reporting to the Dean of the Waters College of Health Professions, the Chair for the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences provides leadership and vision for the Department; advocates for the Department’s needs; supports faculty members in their teaching, professional development, service, and intellectual contributions; and ensures the fiscal integrity of the Department. The position is a 12 month appointment and also carries tenured or tenure-track faculty rank at the associate or full professor level. The salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Required Qualifications:
• Earned doctorate in Physical Therapy, Communication Sciences, or a closely related field;
• Exemplary record of teaching, research, and service appropriate to the rank of tenured associate or full professor in one of the academic disciplines housed in the Department;
• Record of progressively more responsible leadership positions in higher education;
• Commitment to teaching, scholarship, and service that is consistent with the College’s priorities for the Department and the mission of the university;
• Minimum of 5 years full-time college/university experience at the Assistant Professor level is required for the rank of Associate Professor along with a strong record of research and service with publications and presentations in professional venues;
• Minimum of 5 years full-time college/university experience at the Associate Professor level is required for the rank of Professor along with a strong record of research and service with publications and presentations in professional venues;
• History of demonstrating a collaborative administrative style of leadership, embracing shared governance, and building a culture of trust and confidence with faculty, staff, students, and administrators;
Interest in and ability to develop an understanding and appreciation for the disciplines within the unit;
Demonstrated ability to develop an environment that supports faculty success in securing grants and contracts for teaching, research, and service;
Commitment to successful outreach with external stakeholders;
Knowledge of accreditation requirements for disciplines in the unit, as well as knowledge of trends and issues challenging higher education;
Effective organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills;
Successful record of, and commitment to, equality of opportunity, and diversity with demonstrated respect and advocacy for faculty, staff, and students;
Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution.

Screening of applications begins February 1, 2018, and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is July 1, 2018. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum vitae; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least three professional references. Other documentation may be requested. Only complete applications submitted electronically will be considered. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation. Applications and nominations should be sent to:

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