

**University of the Sciences  
Samson College of Health Sciences  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

**Position Specifications  
Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy  
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## THE OPPORTUNITY

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### About the University:

Throughout its 192 year history, **University of the Sciences (USciences)** has established the capacity to respond to the changing world of healthcare and prepare the next generation of healthcare professionals through generous alumni gifts for state of the art classrooms and labs, the expansion of program offerings, interdisciplinary study and experiential learning.

University of the Sciences is located in University City, which is also the site of two major research universities, an academic healthcare system and the oldest and largest science center in the United States which provides a rich variety of clinical and research opportunities for students and faculty. The campus is minutes from the culturally vibrant center of Philadelphia. University of the Sciences is internationally recognized for its unique range of life science and health science majors within its five colleges. **The Samson College** comprises Occupational Therapy, Exercise Science and Wellness Management, Health Science, Physical Therapy and Physician Assistant Studies, and offers fully accredited undergraduate and graduate programs leading to bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. The hallmark of the Samson College programs is the hands-on learning and experience-based curriculum that all students participate in through fieldwork in a variety of settings. To learn more visit, [www.usciences.edu/about/](http://www.usciences.edu/about/).

**Location:** Philadelphia, PA

### About the Department of Occupational Therapy:

The Department of Occupational Therapy has 11 full-time faculty members, enrolls over 200 students and offers four programs: an accelerated Bachelor's Degree to DrOT, a post-baccalaureate Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy, a post-baccalaureate DrOT program and an online post-professional DrOT. The department is one of a small number of programs in the country to offer an entry-level professional doctoral program. The program has clinical affiliation agreements with more than 200 field sites including healthcare systems, schools and community settings. Occupational therapy students obtain experiential learning in hospitals, community outreach programs, senior centers and rehabilitation centers. Faculty members are engaged in applied research in the areas of maternal and infant health, autism, pediatric occupational therapy, tele-rehabilitation, spinal cord injury and intervention models for the well elderly.

## THE POSITION

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Reporting to the Dean of the Samson College of Health Sciences, the Chair will be a senior academic leader who provides leadership and oversight of academic programs, strategic planning, research, fiscal responsibilities and mentorship of faculty. This individual will be responsible for providing vision to the faculty and staff, developing new programs, and pursuing scholarly activity that advances the department's reputation in applied research and commitment to social and community engagement. The Chair will maintain the high quality of the academic programs, ensure compliance with accreditation requirements, encourage and foster faculty research and support interdisciplinary collaboration within the college and across the university. He/She will play a

significant role in shaping the future of the department and should possess demonstrated leadership skills, the ability to gain consensus, excellent communication skills and ability to build collaborative relationships internally and external to the university. The ideal candidate will have contributed to the knowledge of the field through a record of research and publications.

**Qualifications:**

- Academic credentials consistent with appointment at the associate or full professor level.
- PhD or equivalent doctoral degree in a related field.
- Bachelor's degree or master's degree in occupational therapy.
- Prior experience as an occupational therapist.
- Experience in an academic faculty position.
- Demonstrated success in a leadership role at a university in administration or as a chair of various committees within a college of health sciences.

**Why Consider the Opportunity?**

- **Unique programs.** USciences is one of just five schools in the country with an accelerated entry-level doctorate degree in addition to a post-bac DrOT, a new post-professional DrOT, and a master's of occupational therapy degree.
- **Reputation.** Students benefit from the region's rich life sciences economy and embark on a challenging learning experience in a unique range of life science and health science majors within the university's five colleges with top majors in pharmacy, physical therapy, biology, and occupational therapy. USciences is truly a place where science and healthcare converge.
- **Desirable location:**
  - The campus at University of the Sciences comprises 23 buildings located on a 35-acre site in **University City** and is situated in a vibrant neighborhood that is home to residents, faculty, and more than 50,000 college students each year. As a founding member of University City District the university works closely with other universities, residents, and community-based organizations in the area.
  - Located in Philadelphia, the nation's fifth largest city, USciences is home to diverse communities, a rich historical foundation, and first class restaurants and entertainment options.

## PROCEDURE FOR CANDIDACY

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## PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

If you've seen the Liberty Bell and had a cheesesteak, you've likely spent a day in Philadelphia. But beyond the tourist sites and skyscrapers lies a city of neighborhoods undergoing a cultural renaissance. Philly has a vibrant food and arts scene down south, a converted fisherman's village up north and a dense commercial center. It's also a city steeped in history, claiming several firsts for the nation. The melding of old and new, monuments and mom-and-pops, makes the City of Brotherly Love an ideal place to live. The city also has some of the best educational, medical and research institutions in the country. And in places like Fox Chase and Huntingdon Valley, Philadelphia turns into a green oasis.

### Just a few reasons to live in Philadelphia:

- Philadelphia is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest city in the USA and a college town at heart. Philadelphia has the nation's largest per capita concentration of higher education institutions, with over 85 colleges, universities and technical schools, and 7 schools of medicine.
- If you live in Center City (downtown) everything you could ever want or need is within walking distance. It is rated one of the top 5 most walkable cities in the United States. It is easy to find your way because aside from the Parkway, Vine Street, Broad Street, & lower Market Street—every street is one way and are laid out in a grid.
- There are income taxes, but there are NO TAXES on the essentials such as food, clothing or shoes.
- Commuting is easy. Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is served by 22 airlines flying to 84 domestic and 40 international destinations. It is a 15 minute drive from Center City. The 30th Street Amtrak station is also conveniently located and is the main railroad station in Philly.

*For additional information on Philadelphia, please visit:*

<https://www.greaterphilachamber.com/>

<http://www.bizjournals.com/philadelphia/>

<http://www.mymove.com/guide/moving-to-philadelphia.html>

<http://www.visitphilly.com/?gclid=CISYs8XLor0CFahIOgod8iQAUQ>

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- [Philadelphia Museum of Art](#)
- [Top Philly Cheesesteaks](#)
- [The Liberty Bell Center](#)
- [Independence Hall](#)
- [National Constitution Center](#)
- [Valley Forge National Historical Park](#)
- [Longwood Gardens](#)
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