



DEPARTMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The vice provost for the College of Health Sciences at Samford University invites applicants interested in serving in a Christian university environment to apply for the position of Chair, Department of Occupational Therapy in the School of Health Professions. This tenure-track faculty position is a twelve-month appointment. The chair is responsible for establishing a vision for the department and providing leadership for expanding and managing the programs within the Department of Occupational Therapy. On a day-to-day basis, the chair will manage the departmental budget, work with faculty within the department and across the health sciences to enhance interprofessional education, and oversee student recruitment and advisement. The Occupational Therapy Department is a new department within the school and will offer the Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree. The chair will be responsible for seeking academic accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE).

Qualified candidates will hold an earned doctorate in occupational therapy, or a master's in occupational therapy with a doctorate in a closely related field, along with appropriate state licensure and certification. In addition, the candidate must evidence a history of excellent achievements in teaching, scholarship, and service, and will have served as a full-time faculty member for a minimum of five years. Candidates should possess strong administration and leadership skills and effective communication and problem solving skills. Preference will be given to candidates who have experience with online instruction, held leadership positions within other occupational therapy programs, have had experience with (ACOTE), and have had prior experience developing, managing and evaluating occupational therapy degree programs. The chair should embrace the mission and vision of the university and the College of Health Sciences. A commitment to Christian values, academic excellence and the ability to work effectively with faculty, students, and colleagues is expected.

Academic rank, tenure and salary are dependent upon academic qualifications, clinical experiences, previous academic teaching experiences, program management experience, and scholarship accomplishments.

The College of Health Sciences is a new and innovative initiative for Samford University. The college includes four schools: Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing, McWhorter School of Pharmacy, School of Health Professions, and School of Public Health. The college will offer multiple degree programs and majors within the health sciences with an interprofessional education focus that reflects today's team approach to health care delivery and professional practice. The college will afford faculty special opportunities for cross-disciplinary collaboration.

Samford University is located in Birmingham, Alabama, and is a nationally recognized academic institution. Samford is ranked 3rd in the South among regional universities by *U.S. News and World Report* and has been nationally recognized for academics, affordability and value by a number of prestigious publications and rankings. The *John Templeton Foundation* selected Samford as one of America's top 100 character-building universities. For more information, please visit www.samford.edu.

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Forward letter of application, vita, and names of three professional references to: Nena F. Sanders, PhD, RN; nfsander@samford.edu; Vice Provost, College of Health Sciences, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

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