

Clinical Assistant Professor - Physical Therapy

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Position Summary

The Physical Therapy Program at University of Wisconsin – La Crosse invites qualified persons to apply for full-time, 12-month instructional academic staff position available August 2024. This is a new position within our faculty.

This position is seeking an individual who is a developing or an established educator with expertise and willingness to contribute to meeting the program's instructional needs with emphasis on pediatrics, geriatrics, and adult neuro. Mentorship for individuals new to the academic environment is supported. Candidates will enjoy being part of a collaborative culture and a proven curriculum which equally emphasizes academic success and professionalism. The DPT program supports a variety of clinical research and experiential learning opportunities including the highly successful La Crosse Institute of Movement Science (LIMS) and the community Exercise Program for Adults with Neurologic Disorders (EXPAND).

The Physical Therapy Program is part of the Department of Health Professions, which includes Medical Dosimetry, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant, and Radiation Therapy. Our program consists of 11 dynamic core faculty and a strong complement of adjunct faculty. We are committed to mentoring new faculty in teaching and scholarship. The department is located in the College of Science and Health.

The Physical Therapy Program is housed in the Health Science Center (HSC), recognized for its spacious, well-appointed teaching labs, classrooms, and established biomechanics, human performance, and anatomy laboratories. Our physical therapy program has strong alliances with national, regional, and local medical centers and practices. The program is proud to support the La Crosse Institute of Movement Science (LIMS), Exercise Program for Adults with Neurologic Disorders (EXPAND) and the Gundersen Sports Medicine Residency Program.

General position summary statement for UWL instructional academic staff

positions:

Under general supervision of department chair, a person in this position is responsible for teaching undergraduate and/or graduate courses. In addition to preparing for and holding classes [face-to-face, hybrid, and/or online], teaching involves maintaining currency in the content area related to the teaching assignment, evaluating students' work, assessing student outcomes, maintaining appropriate records, and holding office hours. In addition, workload may involve advising students and/or providing other service to the department. Other duties may be assigned by the chair or dean.

Required Qualifications

Be licensed to practice physical therapy in a US jurisdiction by position start date.

Have earned a doctoral degree or possess the ability to complete a doctoral degree (DPT or equivalent) earned by the first personnel review, no later than May 31, 2025.

Have a minimum of three years' experience as a practicing physical therapist.

Have the ability and willingness to engage in scholarly activity.

Preferred Qualifications

Experience in higher education.

Expertise and willingness to contribute to meeting the program's instructional needs with emphasis on pediatrics, geriatrics, and adult neuro.

Experience as a clinical educator.

ABPTS Board Certification or other advanced clinical certification or willingness to obtain.

A history of engagement and service to the profession.

Strong professional skills when interacting with students, clinicians, patients, and local/national professional communities.

Excellent interpersonal skills, written and oral communication skills, organizational and time management skills.

The ability to work in a collaborative environment among a variety of professionals within the University and professional/ clinical communities.

The ability to function independently, setting direction and priorities with minimal supervision.

Skills in computer applications necessary for teaching, program administration, data collection and analysis.

Working conditions and environment

Office/ classroom setting

Miscellaneous Information

Information about your benefits Your benefits add an additional 40%+ to the overall financial package from the university.

Highlights include:

excellent flexible health insurance with low co-pays and good coverage.

paid holidays and sick days.

sick leave may be converted at retirement to pay for health insurance post-work at UWL.

after 5 years of employment, you become vested in our retirement system which ensures income post-career.

benefits at UWL are highly competitive with local industry and some of the strongest in state

and nation.

Benefit eligibility is determined at point of hire. This information is provided for illustrative purposes only. Benefits are also pro-rated based on the appointment percentage.

Information about UWL and the Surrounding Region The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse is a top-rated, comprehensive University of Wisconsin campus, located in the beautiful Driftless Area of southwestern Wisconsin. Known for scholarship, academic rigor, physical activity and a close-knit community, UWL remains dedicated to its century-old mission to train the whole person — “the mind and body.” UWL has earned a strong reputation nationally for factors such as graduation rates, return on investment and great outcomes for low-income students. It is the No. 2 public college in Wisconsin on Forbes’ 2023 America’s Top Colleges list. And it is Wisconsin’s top-ranked public university with fewer than 25,000 students, according to U.S. News & World Report’s list of the Best National Universities.

UWL offers 130-plus degree programs from undergraduate to doctoral levels in the arts, social sciences and humanities; science and health; business; and education. UWL has three colleges: the College of Arts, Social Sciences, & Humanities, the College of Business Administration, and the College of Science & Health, as well as the School of Education and the School of Visual & Performing Arts. UWL has about 447 full-time faculty and instructional academic staff, including 82% with doctoral or terminal degrees.

UWL has strong student success programs that have contributed to a strong retention rate. This fall, students returned to UWL at one of the highest rates on record with 86.5% of the 2022-23 first-year class retained — the highest mark in a decade and the fifth-highest mark in the past 50 years.

UW-La Crosse’s strategic plan Sustaining Excellence continues to move our community forward through its four pillars: increasing community engagement, achieving excellence through equity and diversity, investing in our people, and advancing transformational education. More information about the ongoing work of Sustaining Excellence is available at www.uwlax.edu/info/strategic-plan.

The UW-La Crosse campus is in southwestern Wisconsin, nestled in a residential area of the City of La Crosse and positioned as part of a larger metro area with a population close to 140,000. The area, known as the 7 Rivers Region, is famous for its exceptional natural beauty, which includes the Mississippi River on one side, majestic bluffs on the other, and views of rolling farmland and forested valleys in between. Abundant water, woodlands and varying terrain provide ample opportunities for year-round outdoor recreation. Only a couple of hours from Minneapolis or Madison, La Crosse enjoys the affordability and charm of small-town living with larger city benefits. Three colleges, two world-class medical institutions, the La Crosse Symphony Orchestra, a restored 19th century downtown business district, and a number of galleries and art centers have made La Crosse a regional center for culture, entertainment, medical care, shopping, sports and recreation. More information about the La Crosse metro area can be found at [Explore La Crosse](#) and [Choose La Crosse](#).

Learn more about UW-La Crosse here: <https://www.uwlax.edu/human-resources/services/talent-acquisition-and-employment/finalist-welcome/> **AA/EO Statement**

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer committed to assembling a diverse, broadly trained faculty and staff. We strongly encourage women, minorities, people with disabilities and veterans to apply. UWL, in compliance with applicable laws and in furtherance of its commitment to fostering an environment that welcomes and embraces diversity, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, disability, or protected veteran status.

DEI Statement

UW-La Crosse's diversity and inclusion efforts are guided by our adherence to Inclusive Excellence. We define Inclusive Excellence as "... our active, intentional and ongoing commitment to bridge differences with understanding and respect so all can thrive. The goals of Inclusive Excellence are to increase the retention of diverse faculty, staff and students while encouraging a campus climate that is inviting and welcoming to all. UW-La Crosse strives to promote acceptance of all facets of diversity from racial/ethnic diversity to diversity of thought and experience. UW-La Crosse ranks 6th nationally among the Top LGBTQ-Friendly Colleges for 2018-19 by [AffordableCollegesOnline.org](#) (ACO).

Annual Security and Fire Safety Report (Clery Act)

For the UWL Annual Security and Fire Safety Reports (i.e., Clery Report), which includes statistics about reported crimes and information about campus security policies, see <https://www.uwlax.edu/police/annual-security-report/> or contact the University Police Department at 608.785.9999.

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