



UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

Arnold School of Public Health

Department of Exercise Science

**Positions: Clinical Assistant/Associate Professor in the
Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy**

The Department of Exercise Science at the [University of South Carolina](#) (USC) is inviting applications for a clinical faculty position (non-tenure track) in our [Physical Therapy Program](#) (DPT) with an anticipated start date of August 16, 2026 at the rank of Clinical Assistant Professor or Clinical Associate Professor.

The successful candidate considered for the rank of Clinical Assistant Professor must have strong potential to teach courses in neurologic physical therapy, orthopedic physical therapy, musculoskeletal anatomy and physiology, or other courses within area of expertise, advise DPT students, supervise DPT student projects, participate in service to the program and community, and engage in scholarship. Applicants wishing to be considered for the rank of Clinical Associate Professor must have a strong record of teaching and scholarship, with at least 5 years of experience as an effective instructor, student mentor, and researcher in addition to the requirements of Clinical Assistant Professor Rank by the beginning date of employment. The position is a 12-month position with rank and salary commensurate with experience and expertise.

Required Qualifications:

All candidates must have the following:

- Degree in physical therapy (e.g., BS, MPT, or DPT). If BS or MS, must also have a terminal academic doctoral degree (e.g., PhD, EdD, DHSc) by the start date of employment.
- Current PT licensure in any United States jurisdiction and eligible for licensure in South Carolina.
- A minimum of 3 years of experience as a physical therapist by the start date of employment.

The [USC DPT program](#) is a fully accredited entry-level program that is housed within the nationally recognized [Department of Exercise Science](#) in the [Arnold School of Public Health](#). The **small class size of 30 DPT students** allows clinical faculty to creatively use a wide variety of learning approaches while also allowing substantial time for scholarly activity.

University of South Carolina and Local Community

The [University of South Carolina](#) is in the capital city of Columbia. It is a research-intensive

University and has been designated by the Carnegie Foundation as a doctoral institution with highest research activity. USC has also been designated a community engaged institution, making it one of few public universities to earn both the top-tier research classification and the community engagement classification from Carnegie. USC has five Health Science Units in addition to ASPH: 1) School of Medicine in Columbia 2) School of Medicine in Greenville, 3) College of Nursing, 4) College of Pharmacy, and 5) College of Social Work. Faculty members in the Department have established relationships with University Athletics, PRISMA Health, the Columbia VA Medical Center, US Special Operations Command, and numerous community partners and schools. Columbia, SC is a metropolitan area that is home to over 800,000 residents. The low cost of living in the Columbia metropolitan area, coupled with abundant recreational, cultural, and educational opportunities provides the opportunity for an excellent quality of life. Filled with historic homes and charming, diverse neighborhoods, Columbia is a city on the rise, noted by the Thrillist site as one of eight cities with the cool appeal of Nashville or Portland. Jogging and walking paths line the downtown and riverfront greenway, with parks scattered throughout the rest of the city. The popularity of downtown living has sparked the growth of independent restaurants, coffee houses, wine bars, breweries, galleries, boutiques, and street fairs. Other Columbia highlights include: the Columbia Museum of Art with continuous high-profile traveling exhibits; the Nickelodeon art house cinema; the South Carolina State Museum with its planetarium, observatory, and 4-D movie theatre; and the nationally recognized Riverbanks Zoo and Garden. Columbia has a lively local music scene as well as national entertainment tours that visit the Colonial Life Arena. Known for its college athletics teams as a member of the SEC, the city also hosts a minor league baseball team (the Columbia Fireflies). Centrally located, Columbia is two hours from the South Carolina coast and the Blue Ridge Mountains.

How to Apply:

Complete applications will include: 1) letter of application 2) curriculum vitae 3) teaching statement 4) research statement, and 5) contact information for three references. Submit the complete application as one document electronically (PDF format preferred). Official transcripts may be required upon request.

Direct Link to Application: <https://uscjobs.sc.edu/postings/197449>

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Matthew Geary, Search Committee Co-Chair, at GEARYM@mailbox.sc.edu. Review of applications will begin on December 15, 2025 and will continue until the position is filled.

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