

Assistant or Associate Professor
Department of Occupational Therapy in the College of Rehabilitation Sciences
Rady Faculty of Health Sciences
Position #32146

The Department of Occupational Therapy in the College of Rehabilitation Sciences, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba is seeking applications for a full-time probationary/tenure-track or tenured position the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor. Rank and salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The Department of Occupational Therapy is a part of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences, one of the colleges that comprise the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences and is located adjacent to the Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg, a major teaching and research hospital serving Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario and Nunavut. The department is a contributing member to the College of Rehabilitation Sciences' strategic plan that is committed to providing an excellent teaching and learning experience, supporting students and faculty in the discovery and dissemination of knowledge, meeting the needs of Indigenous peoples, and providing services to the people of Manitoba. The Department of Occupational Therapy offers the entry-level Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) program to 50 students in each year of the two year program. In addition, the Department is a participating unit in the Master of Science Rehabilitation Sciences and Applied Health Sciences Ph.D. programs. The Department of Occupational Therapy has a strong faculty dedicated to the mission of the College, which is "To create, communicate and advance knowledge, skills and behaviours in health, quality of life and participation in collaboration with the community through research, education and service to the people of Manitoba, Canada and the world". The Department is renowned for its exemplary, student-centred curriculum, and strong connections and relationships with the professional community. Through teaching, research, education and service, the department is dedicated to addressing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. More information on the Department and the College can be found here {active link: <https://umanitoba.ca/rehabilitation-sciences/> }

Responsibilities:

This position carries responsibilities in teaching, research and service. The successful candidate will teach at the graduate level within the entry-to-practice occupational therapy program as well as the Master of Science (Rehabilitation) program. They may also have teaching opportunities in the Applied Health Sciences doctoral program. Teaching within the entry to practice Master of Occupational Therapy program will focus on promoting occupational participation with a particular emphasis on developmental disabilities and/or autism across the lifespan. Teaching responsibilities also include MOT research project advising and student program advising. The successful candidate will also be expected to participate as an advisor and member of graduate student advisory committees within the Master of Science (Rehabilitation) and Applied Health Sciences doctoral program.

The successful candidate will be expected to carry out a program of research in developmental disabilities with a focus on community participation and/or lived experience as a person with a developmental disability or a caregiver of someone with a developmental disability. This position carries with it a five-year, 50% research-based secondment to St. Amant, one of the largest service providers to adults and children with developmental disabilities, autism and acquired brain injury in Manitoba. St. Amant is a not-for-profit organization that offers a wide range of supports that include short-term health and stabilization services, long-term community living supports, respite and foster programs, a school, clinical and educational services and supports for children and youth with autism. St. Amant also has a well-established Research Centre. St. Amant follows a person-centred and flexible approach to supporting people and their families <https://stamant.ca/>.

The service component of this position will be devoted to university service and community and/or professional service. It is expected that there will be a component of service dedicated to persons with developmental disabilities and/or their caregivers.

Qualifications:

Completion or nearing completion of a doctoral degree from a program in the field of occupational therapy or a related field from an accredited/recognized university is required. Applicants must be eligible for registration with the College of Occupational Therapists of Manitoba (COTM) and the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT). Successful candidates close to completion of their doctoral degree may be appointed to a term position at the rank of Lecturer until successful completion of their degree, at which time they will begin their probationary appointment as an Assistant Professor.

There must be evidence of an emerging research program dedicated to community participation and/or understanding the lived experience of a caregiver or person with a developmental disability. Evidence of

interdisciplinary research is considered an asset as is evidence of scholarly work with a social or occupational justice focus. Evidence may include awards, grants, publications in peer reviewed journals and academic/public presentations.

Experience in higher education with an understanding of a variety of teaching approaches is required. Experience in coordinating and organizing courses is an asset. There must be evidence of teaching occupational therapy-related courses at a university level, or supervision of occupational therapy students in a fieldwork setting, or supervision of occupational therapy students during thesis work. Consideration will be given to experience in teaching in a continuing education environment.

There should be evidence of service to persons with developmental disabilities or their caregivers. This may include clinical or lived experience related to supporting inclusion and occupational participation of individuals with developmental disabilities

Additional Information:

The College of Rehabilitation Sciences has a rich history of research and graduate education in Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy and is developing a strategy to grow a research program in the area of Respiratory Therapy. The College is committed to providing high-quality teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels professionally and in community outreach.

The University of Manitoba is committed to the principles of equity, diversity & inclusion and to promoting opportunities in hiring, promotion and tenure (where applicable) for systemically marginalized groups who have been excluded from full participation at the University and the larger community including Indigenous Peoples, women, racialized persons, persons with disabilities and those who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+ (Two Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, questioning, intersex, asexual and other diverse sexual identities). All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

If you require accommodation supports during the recruitment process, please contact UM.Accommodation@umanitoba.ca or 204-474-7195. Please note this contact information is for accommodation reasons only.

The closing date for the first consideration of applications is July 30, 2022. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. The expected date of appointment is January 1, 2023, or soon thereafter.

Applicants should submit their application including curriculum vitae, a letter of intent, a personal statement on their contributions to diversity, equity and inclusion in your teaching, research, service and/or other experiences, and the names and contact information for three references by July 30, 2022, to:

Dr. Reg Urbanowski, Search Committee Chair and
Dean College of Rehabilitation Sciences,
Rady Faculty of Health Sciences University of Manitoba,
771 McDermot Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA R3E 0T6
Email: reg.urbanowski@umanitoba.ca

Persons interested in finding out more about the position may contact the Dean at the email address noted above. Please note that only complete applications will be considered.

Application materials, including letters of reference, will be handled in accordance with the protection of privacy provision of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (Manitoba). Please note that curriculum vitae may be provided to participating members of the search process.