



# **Job Description**

POSITION Unit 10 - Physical Therapy Practice IV Casual Teaching Contract

ALLOCATION 800 hours

**DEPARTMENT** Physical Therapy, University of Toronto

Unit 10: PHT1110Y Physical Therapy Practice IV - This 12-week course runs from January 5 – March 27, 2026 and provides students with the opportunity to build on their foundational knowledge and skills in promoting musculoskeletal health. Students will integrate and expand their understanding of the 'basic sciences' (e.g., anatomy, exercise physiology, pathophysiology) with clinical sciences (e.g., physical therapy principles, pain science education, behavioural change models, exercise prescription) that support client-centred, best practices in physical therapy for clients with select neuromusculoskeletal conditions. A strong emphasis will be placed on equipping students to exercise critical thinking and habits of mind to succeed in an everchanging health care environment. Learning strategies that support these aims will include predominantly in-person sessions, large and small group discussions, laboratories, and self-study modules.

For more information on the curriculum please visit our website.

#### Responsibilities:

- Overall curriculum / content development, delivery and evaluation
  - Contribute to planning and organizing the unit
  - Curriculum planning and development
  - Contribute to a Unit 10 schedule that supports course goals
  - Direct teaching time (lectures, clinical skills labs, office hours)
  - Manage the unit 10 learning platform (Quercus)
  - Recruit and support teaching assistants and lab instructors, clinician volunteers, quest instructors, practical exam examiners, and small group facilitators
  - Assess and grade students
  - Foster collaborative relationships with the leadership team, Academic and theme Leads, teaching assistants, as well as other faculty and staff within the Department
  - Contribute to program evaluation activities
  - Develop Unit Report in collaboration with the academic co-leads
  - Attend relevant Department meetings, including but not limited to Unit Organization and Delivery, Departmental Committee meetings, expansionrelated meetings
- Student engagement and facilitation
- Student remediation, counselling and mentoring
- Participate in other service contributions as needed and determined by the Chair

## **Qualifications, Experience and Skills:**

- Proven track record in teaching
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written
- Excellent organizational skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills, and experience fostering positive relationships
- Clinical and/or educational experience with musculoskeletal populations
- Expertise in manual therapy is an asset
- Must be a Physical Therapist, registered with the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario.
- University post-graduate education beyond entry level to practice Masters in Physical Therapy preferred

#### Timing and commitment:

- Contract to begin June 16 2025 April 15, 2026
- Concentrated time will be required during the Unit which runs from January 5 March 27, 2026 with classes scheduled from Tuesday to Friday
- A flexible schedule is required to accommodate the needs of the Units
  - Variability of timing throughout the Units is related to large group sessions, small group facilitation, student group meetings, team meetings etc.

# **Application process:**

- Cover letter
- Current CV which includes relevant teaching and clinical experience
- 150-word statement on your teaching philosophy and why you are best suited for this
  position, included as a separate document
- 3 references upon request

Should you be interested in this opportunity, please submit your cover letter, curriculum vitae, and 150-word statement in PDF format, via email to:

Dr. Sara Guilcher, Interim Chair and Graduate Chair Department of Physical Therapy 500 University Avenue Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5G 1V7 Email: pt.chair@utoronto.ca

# All application materials must be submitted by May 7, 2025 to pt.chair@utoronto.ca

Short listed candidates will be invited to an interview.

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diverse perspectives, experiences, and expertise are essential to strengthening our academic mission.

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If you require any accommodations at any point during the application and hiring process, please contact <a href="mailto:pt.chair@utoronto.ca">pt.chair@utoronto.ca</a>.