The Department of Occupational Therapy at Tufts University has an opening for a Senior Lecturer/Entry Level Professional Program Director. This full-time 12-month faculty position will begin July 1, 2017. A teaching course load of one course per semester in addition to student advising and coordinating functions will be required.

The Department of Occupational Therapy is a graduate department in the School of Arts and Sciences at Tufts University. Tufts is a teaching and research institution with a rigorous intellectual culture and established ties to the surrounding communities. The school offers students and faculty alike in-depth educational and service learning experiences and opportunities to explore interdisciplinary approaches to teaching, learning, and scholarship.

The position requires a research or clinical doctorate (e.g., PhD, ScD, OTD, EdD) and national certification as an occupational therapist (who qualifies for Massachusetts licensure and holds license by start date of employment). The applicant must have at least 8 years of teaching in his/her area of expertise and prior experience as a program director (preferred), and/or in other professional and academic leadership roles. The individual must show capacity to develop curriculum, facilitate meetings, conduct disciplinary and interdisciplinary teaching and clinical scholarship, and have a commitment to mentoring graduate students’ development in clinical practice, scholarship, and leadership. Knowledge of ACOTE standards, curriculum development, and program management skills, including program evaluation expertise and facility with information management systems/electronic databases, will be required. A key aspect of this position is the planning and implementation of the entry-level program’s transition from an Entry-level OT Masters of Science degree to an Entry-level Doctorate in OT (OTD). As Senior Lecturer, the candidate will teach in his/her area of scholarship and clinical expertise. We are particularly interested in candidates who can offer courses in innovative and developing areas of occupational therapy (e.g., assistive technology, disability studies, inter-professional education, primary care, and functional cognition) as well as teach existing courses in the department. This person would also be responsible for academic advising and research / leadership project mentoring for both entry-level and post-professional OT students.

The Program Director will be responsible for overseeing the Entry-level OT program. This will involve: 1) Leading curriculum committee meetings and program development/evaluation on an ongoing basis, 2) Supervising and mentoring faculty who teach in the program, 3) Providing direct supervision of our fieldwork office and coordinators, 4) Supervising staff who are responsible for course scheduling and event planning, 5) Overseeing faculty selection of Graduate Teaching Assistants, 6) Meeting and collaborating with the Department Chair about strategic planning and faculty and staff performance evaluations, and 7) Being in charge of all ACOTE accreditation activities.
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Applicants should submit (1) Cover letter, (2) CV, (3) Statement of teaching expertise and prior experience as a program director and/or other professional and academic leadership roles, and (4) Three confidential letters of reference to: https://apply.interfolio.com/36889.

For questions about the position, contact Professor Sharan L. Schwartzberg, Interim Department Chair and Search Committee Chair, at sharan.schwartzberg@tufts.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Tufts University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. We are committed to increasing the diversity of our faculty. Members of under-represented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.