CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
Dean
Opportunity Profile
**THE OPPORTUNITY**

Creighton University, a Jesuit, Catholic university located in Omaha, Nebraska, seeks applications and nominations for the next dean of the school of Pharmacy and Health Professions.

Established in 1905, the school educates pharmacy, occupational therapy and physical therapy students in the Jesuit tradition, infusing values related to service, justice, striving for excellence and caring for the whole person throughout its curricular and co-curricular programs. The school values diversity, inclusion and creativity, strives to provide an environment that embraces the distinct cultures within our community, and celebrates innovation. Opportunities for leadership development, mentorship and interprofessional camaraderie abound. Faculty and staff are committed to striving for excellence in all areas, creating a nurturing educational environment and encouraging the success and well-being of each learner. Creighton’s School of Pharmacy and Health Professions is committed to creating a more just world for all by educating health care professionals of competence and conscience.

This is an outstanding opportunity for a highly collaborative, forward-thinking, enthusiastic leader to inspire a tightly knit community of faculty, staff, students and alumni, and to guide the school as it continues its commitment to excellence in education, developing creative and effective leaders dedicated to ethical conduct, interprofessional collaboration and service to others. The dean will lead efforts to continue in the school’s tradition of innovative teaching, learning, research, scholarship and patient/client-centered care. She or he also will carry on the school’s heritage of inclusive leadership by considering the diverse perspectives of members of the school’s and University’s community when making leadership decisions, as well as in the development of leaders.

**DEAN’S ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Key Opportunities and Challenges for SPAHP Dean**

The next dean of the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions (SPAHP) will join the University at a time of challenge and tremendous opportunity. She or he will serve as a key member of the University leadership team and will lead a school that enrolls more than 1,400 students—drawn from 46 states and 44 countries and employs 117 educators who comprise a world-class faculty.

The dean will:

- Play a crucial role in defining the next era of the school and addressing a number of key strategic and operational priorities.
- Articulate a forward-thinking vision that builds upon and celebrates the school’s history and identity; continue to foster strong and transparent cooperation and kinship to ensure alignment among faculty, staff and students; and further engage with the school’s external community, including a loyal alumni base of more than 7,000.
- Work within the school and the broader University to further strengthen the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, building on its established excellence and adapting to future trends in health education.
- Provide thoughtful and inclusive leadership in the interest of continuing progress in diversity among faculty, students and the entire school’s community.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

**Education**

- Clinically relevant degree in the health sciences required (pharmacy, occupational therapy or physical therapy preferred).
- Doctoral degree required, academic doctorate preferred.

**Experience**

Established record as a health sciences educator, practitioner, scholar and leader. Minimum of five years of academic experience. Qualified by merit or equivalent experience for the rank of professor.

- **Academic Educator:** established record of educating health sciences students (pharmacy, OT or PT preferred).
- **Clinical Practice:** experience with or broad understanding of complex issues of pharmacy, OT and PT practice in today’s health care environment, with a vision for future practice.
- **Research/Scholarship:** established record of research and scholarly achievement at a national/international level.
Creighton's nine schools and colleges deliver powerful education that connects arts and sciences, law, and business with health sciences programs in dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, occupational and physical therapy, public health and emergency medical services.

Founded in 1878, Creighton is one of 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the U.S. More than 8,500 undergraduate, graduate and professional students come to Creighton each year to find their place in the world. The University enjoys both financial and enrollment stability and in 2017 received reaffirmation of its accreditation status through 2026–27.

As members of the Society of Jesus, the more than 16,000 Jesuits serving around the world continue the Ignatian tradition by advancing education. The Society of Jesus—the world’s largest Catholic religious order of priests and brothers—was founded in the mid-1500s by St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Creighton is committed to diversity and inclusion among students, faculty and staff, as well as the wider campus community. The University sees embracing and seriously considering diversity and inclusion in everything it does as a strength—a strength that connects directly to its Jesuit, Catholic mission and helps it continue to grow. The University also is deeply committed to maintaining and enhancing its extensive global connections and outreach. The Creighton Global Initiative, launched in 2016 by President the Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD, has created resources that offer opportunities for faculty, staff and students to embrace global perspectives.

Creighton University again earned the top spot in U.S. News & World Report magazine’s rankings of Midwest Regional Universities for 2018—the 16th year in a row the University has earned the No. 1 ranking in the magazine’s “America’s Best Colleges” edition.

Creighton ranked No. 2 for Most Innovative Schools in the Midwest, recognized for its efforts to make the most innovative improvement in curriculum, faculty, students, campus life and technology or facilities. Creighton was also one of 90 schools recognized for undergraduate research opportunities.

Creighton was also one of 41 schools in the country recognized for internship programs encouraging students to apply classroom learning with real-world experience. The University is the only Catholic university in the category.

Creighton maintained its place as No. 1 for Best College for Veterans in the Midwest region.

As a Best Value School, Creighton earned a No. 4 ranking in the Midwest, up two spots from the previous year.

Creighton's athletic department is an NCAA Division I program and a member of the BIG EAST Conference. Creighton Athletics sponsors 14 sport programs and has nearly 300 Bluejay student-athletes.
The University, through its participation in the Creighton University Arizona Health Education Alliance, is expanding medical education programs to help meet that state’s growing demand for physicians and other health care professionals. It is building a new, nearly $100 million health sciences campus in Phoenix, slated for completion in spring 2021 and representing a significant expansion of Creighton’s current presence in the state. The University also operates health care education programs through its partnerships in Hastings, Nebraska; Denver, Colorado; and Anchorage, Alaska. Creighton enjoys a strong academic partnership with CHI Health, the University’s primary clinical affiliate.

Additional information about Creighton University is available at creighton.edu.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions has a rich tradition of educating occupational therapists, pharmacists and physical therapists to be competent and compassionate health care professionals. As a Jesuit institution, a focus on the Ignatian tradition guides us to develop clinicians who see beyond the science to the humanistic needs of our patients. We emphasize cura personalis, Latin for “care of the person.” Our approach to patient care addresses the whole person, not just the disease requiring treatment.

Dedicated, experienced faculty in our classrooms, clinics and research labs model professional development and outstanding, evidence-based patient care. The faculty engage in the full spectrum of qualitative and quantitative research, including basic, applied, clinical and teaching/learning. The annual external research dollars awarded to the school have doubled over the last three years, accompanied by a strong record of refereed publications and national/international presentations. Our state-of-the-art teaching spaces, research labs and innovative distance-education programs help us prepare occupational therapists, pharmacists and physical therapists to practice not only today, but tomorrow.

Creighton is a world-renowned pioneer in entry-level pharmacy, occupational therapy and physical therapy education. The first clinical doctorates in Occupational Therapy (OTD – entry-level) and Physical Therapy (DPT) were established by Creighton University, raising the bar for clinical patient care in the professions.

Creighton is nationally recognized as a leader in health sciences distance education. Our Doctor of Pharmacy Distance Pathway is the first such distance entry-level program in the U.S.—allowing students in Alaska and Colorado to earn a Creighton Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree in those locations. With the University’s development of a health sciences campus in Phoenix, the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions will have a significant presence in Arizona, with academic programs in occupational therapy, physical therapy and pharmacy all represented. Regardless of campus location, our success in educating students is demonstrated by our graduates consistently outperforming national averages on licensing exams in each of our programs.

We are leaders in interprofessional education and community engagement, and we cultivate collaboration across the health sciences and through strong global programming. As part of a campus that has a long history of preparing health care professionals, our students join with medical, dental and nursing students to practice as interprofessional teams, dedicated to the best patient care. Our unique interprofessional practice site serves as a health care delivery model across the United States. In addition, service to others is a cornerstone of our programs. Our belief that “to whom much is given, much is expected” results in nearly 10,000 hours of community service provided by our faculty and students each year, in Omaha and beyond.

The more than 1,000 students enrolled in our programs come to Creighton for reasons beyond our innovation and technology. They are looking to find something greater, to be something greater and to create a greater world that is more compassionate and just. If you are looking for more than a job, but a calling, we invite you to join us in serving, leading and advancing health for all.

For more information about the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, visit the website, or access the fact sheet.

ABOUT OMAHA, NEBRASKA

New music, good food, fine arts, dynamic sports, the great outdoors—and endless opportunities for your future. You’ll find it all, along with rich cultural and ethnic diversity, in Omaha.

Attractions

Omaha has no shortage of options for entertainment. With Creighton at the heart of the 24th Street cultural corridor, a plethora of offerings are just a short walk or drive from campus, and you’ll find dynamic districts and neighborhoods with a variety of activities all over the city.

A short walk from campus:

- **The Old Market District** offers shopping, dining and nightlife for all ages.
- Take in downtown views from the **Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge** ("The Bob") and stand in two states at the same time.
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- **Midtown Crossing** has a variety of year-round events, including free outdoor group exercise classes, movie nights and Jazz on the Green.

- **Joslyn Art Museum** offers a rich schedule of permanent and temporary exhibitions, concerts, lectures, family programs and art courses, all in a building that is one of the finest examples of Art Deco architecture in the nation.

A 10-minute drive or less:

- Immerse yourself in nature at **Lauritzen Gardens**—Omaha's Botanical Center.
- Encounter animals from around the world at our 130-acre, award-winning **Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium**.
- Take a trip to **Aksarben Village**, which features annual festivals, fairs, farmers markets, shopping, dining and nightlife.
- The historic and beautiful **Dundee-Memorial Park** neighborhood features a rich variety of restaurants, weekly live jazz performances and locally owned shops, along with family-friendly cultural events and green space.
- Truly, Omaha is a global city, and increasingly so. It has a long history of international immigration into the city and enjoys present-day booms in diverse immigration from around the world into North Omaha, South Omaha and other parts of the growing metropolitan area.

### Arts and Culture

Omaha has a vibrant art scene with something for everyone. Take in a traveling Broadway show, visit one of our many museums, experience and create your own masterpiece, and find something that gets your creative juices flowing:

- **The Joslyn Art Museum** features permanent and temporary exhibitions, sculpture gardens and traveling events, all in a building that is one of the finest examples of Art Deco architecture in the nation.
- **El Museo Latino**, in the historic South 24th Street district, is the first Latino art and history museum in the Midwest, dedicated to preserving Mexican traditions and offering both permanent and temporary exhibitions.
- **The Omaha Creative Institute** provides artists with opportunities and professional development to build a sustainable career in the arts.
- **Hot Shops Art Center** includes four anchor studios—each built around a fiery artistic discipline—as well as 58 artist studios and three art galleries. Check out their monthly gallery showings, or sign up for a class to create your own molten masterpiece.

- **The Union for Contemporary Art** is committed to strengthening the creative culture of the greater Omaha area by providing direct support to local artists and the communities that sustain them.
- **The Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts** supports today's artists through an international artist-in-residence program, temporary exhibitions and commissions, and innovative public programs.
- **Omaha Performing Arts** is the largest arts institution in Nebraska, dedicated to enriching the lives of citizens in Omaha and beyond. See world-class performances at its two venues, the **Orpheum Theater** and the **Holland Center**.
- **The Backline Comedy Theatre** is primarily a long-form improv training center that hosts a variety of stand-up comedy shows. Stop in for some laughs, or sign up for some classes to perfect your one-liners!

### Music

Omaha has long enjoyed a diverse and thriving music scene, both for homegrown talent and as a regular tour stop for internationally known artists. Local, up-and-coming and big-name acts—from rock, country and folk, to jazz, hip-hop and everything in between—play in clubs all over town.

Born of a revitalization effort in North Omaha, not far from Creighton's campus, **Love's Jazz and Art Center** preserves, promotes and presents African-American art and jazz, offering comprehensive art exhibits and live jazz performances.

**Slowdown**, adjacent to campus, is a popular indie music venue operated by **Saddle Creek Records**, with three to four shows a week and the ever-popular “Pub Quiz.”

Just a short drive west, at the **Benson** district in Midtown, you'll find a collection of intimate clubs and live music every night of the week, featuring the best of Omaha's local bands as well as touring acts.

Omaha's **Maha Music Festival** convenes each summer and features an eclectic mix of artists to suit any musical palate. National and international acts perform year-round throughout the Omaha metro area, at **CHI Health Center Omaha**, **Mid-America Center**, **Stir Cove amphitheater**, **Orpheum Theater** and others. Jazz and blues take center stage at a pair of outdoor concert series, both at Midtown Crossing: **Jazz on the Green** and **Playing with Fire**.
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Sports
Creighton fields 14 NCAA Division I teams in eight sports, competing in the Big East Conference. Needless to say, there’s plenty of athletic action taking place on and around campus.

The Creighton men’s basketball team earns regular bids to the NCAA Tournament, including in the 2017–18 season. The Bluejays play in the 17,000-seat CHI Health Center Omaha, just a brief walk from campus. The games are a major sporting and social event for Jays fans around the area.

The Creighton men’s basketball team also has been steadily building a winning tradition, having played in either the NCAA or WNIT tournaments in each of the past 10 years.

The Bluejays men’s and women’s soccer teams have several NCAA Tournament appearances to their credit. Their home field, the 7,500-seat Morrison Stadium, is in the top tier of on-campus soccer facilities in the nation.

Creighton is also the host school for the NCAA: Men’s College World Series®, played just east of campus in downtown Omaha’s TD Ameritrade Park.

Beyond college athletics, Omaha plays host to the U.S. Olympic Swim Trials. The Omaha Storm Chasers are the Triple-A affiliate of the 2015 World Series Champion Kansas City Royals. PGA Tour and PGA Senior Tour events have been held in the city, which boasts dozens of public and private golf courses. The Omaha Lancers USHL hockey team offers the chance to see the budding stars of the ice. There are also hundreds of amateur and recreational sporting leagues in myriad sports at many venues around the community.

It Starts with You
Bring your knowledge, skills and passion to Creighton University and help shape Bluejays who are ready to lead, inspire and do good.

Change the World from Here
At Creighton, you are part of something big. Your skills and passions unite with thousands of faculty, staff and students inspired to change the world. Here, we offer meaningful work driven by a 475-year-old Jesuit tradition committed to social justice and serving others. Through this tradition, we push the boundaries on innovation. We pursue new knowledge for the betterment of society. We seek to improve our world through Catholic and Jesuit values. And it all starts with you.

Benefits of Working at Creighton University
Each employee is a member of the Creighton community—and we want each individual to maintain a productive, healthy life on and off campus. In addition to our excellent benefits package, our employees enjoy a variety of programs and discounts to support a work-life balance.

For more information, visit Creighton's Human Resources website.