



The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA HEALTH
College of Allied Health

Dean, College of Allied Health
The University of Oklahoma Health Campus
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

THE SEARCH

The University of Oklahoma Health Campus (OU Health Campus) seeks an experienced health sciences leader to serve as Dean of the College of Allied Health to shape its future direction and advance its role in education, research, service, and clinical practice.

The [University of Oklahoma](#) (OU or University) is recognized by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education as a R1 “Very High Research Activity” institution with \$474 million in research expenditures in FY2024. The University is home to nearly 37,000 students and offers more than 170 academic programs across three campuses. As the State’s flagship university, OU serves the educational, cultural, economic, and health care needs of the state, region, and nation.

The [OU Health Campus](#) is one of the nation’s few academic health centers with seven health profession colleges, an NCI-designated cancer center, and a Level I Trauma Center located on the same campus. The OU Health Campus serves approximately 4,000 students in more than 70 undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs spanning the Oklahoma City and Tulsa campuses and additional sites. The OU Health Campus is recognized by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education as a R2 “High Research Spending and Doctorate Production.” It is the leading research institution in Oklahoma, achieving a Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research ranking of 98 for National Institute of Health funding in 2025.

The [College of Allied Health](#) (College) comprises four academic departments: Communication Sciences and Disorders, Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Rehabilitation Sciences. Across these departments the College offers nine accredited health professions programs: Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Sonography, Nutrition/Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy. The College offers 14-degree pathways, including seven baccalaureate programs, dietetic internship, six professional master’s and doctoral

degrees, and a PhD. Faculty and students are engaged in applied research and community-based initiatives that emphasize interdisciplinary collaboration, clinical innovation, and improved health outcomes, particularly in underserved and rural populations across Oklahoma.

The next Dean of the College will lead efforts to advance healthcare and shape its future through innovative academic programming, interdisciplinary collaboration, clinical practice, and continued growth in research. This is an opportunity to guide a college whose graduates are in strong demand across the healthcare workforce, within a university experiencing notable upward momentum, including gains in national rankings, sustained enrollment growth, and expanding research investment. The next Dean will articulate and advance a compelling vision for the College's future – one that aligns with the College's [strategic plan](#) developed in support of OU's overall "Lead On, University" Strategic Plan.

The successful candidate for Dean will bring substantial leadership experience and a deep understanding of the health sciences, including education, research, and workforce needs. An effective relationship builder and communicator, the Dean will strengthen partnerships across the university, with its academic medical system partner OU Health, with external stakeholders, and throughout the community. They will oversee the delivery of high-quality academic programs that meet accreditation standards and support enrollment goals.

Candidates must hold an earned doctorate in a relevant STEM field from an accredited university and demonstrate scholarly distinction consistent with appointment as an associate or full professor within the College. Significant experience across leadership, education, research, and practice is expected.

The University of Oklahoma Health Campus has retained Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist in this recruitment. Please direct all applications, nominations, and inquiries to Isaacson, Miller, as indicated later in this document.

ROLE OF THE DEAN

Reporting to the [Senior Vice President and Provost, Gary E. Raskob](#), the Dean of the College of Allied Health serves as the chief academic and administrative officer of the College, with overall responsibility for its academic programs, research enterprise, clinical practice and affiliations, and operational functions. The role includes oversight of faculty recruitment and development, resource allocation, accreditation, and the growth of innovative, interprofessional programs aligned with evolving healthcare needs. The Dean cultivates a collaborative, high-performing environment that supports excellence in teaching, scholarship, and practice, while strengthening partnerships with health systems, industry, and community organizations. Through external engagement, fundraising, and advocacy, the Dean enhances the College's visibility, expands opportunities for students and faculty, and positions the College to respond effectively to regional and national healthcare workforce demands.

The Dean holds the Stuart Coulter Miller Professorship of Allied Health and leads a team of nine direct reports.

KEY OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR THE DEAN

Substantial opportunities await the new Dean. These include:

Chart the College's path forward

The next Dean must translate the College's Strategic Plan into a clear and actionable roadmap that aligns with OU's "Lead On, University" priorities and inspires the College's faculty, staff, and students to energetically pursue these goals. This leader will establish measurable goals for academic program growth, research expansion, and workforce development while ensuring continued program quality, clinical relevance, and accreditation compliance. The Dean will also align resources, partnerships, and infrastructure to support implementation, ensuring sustained progress, accountability, and measurable impact across the College's programs and campuses.

Build a strong research enterprise

The College of Allied Health has demonstrated a deep commitment to its educational mission, and many of its departments have been primarily teaching and clinically oriented. As the University of Oklahoma rapidly grows its research enterprise through initiatives such as [Project 200](#), a university-wide generational investment in research, talent, and infrastructure, the next Dean will build on the College's established strengths and excellence in teaching while expanding its research portfolio. This includes advancing strategic partnerships, supporting targeted faculty recruitment, and strengthening faculty development, mentorship, and competitiveness for external funding. The Dean will foster a culture that values and supports scholarly activity and will grow the College's PhD program. They will also deepen interdisciplinary collaboration across OU while broadening engagement with OU Health, peer institutions, industry partners, and community organizations to enhance the College's contributions to innovation and improved health outcomes.

Sustain unity and a focus on leadership

The College of Allied Health has fostered a highly collaborative culture, breaking down traditional silos across departments and prioritizing strong relationships among faculty and staff. This work has taken place within the broader "One OU" context, as the University of Oklahoma has unified its campuses into an integrated academic health system. The next Dean will sustain this momentum, further strengthening collaboration across the College and among its locations in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. The Dean will cultivate an inclusive and supportive environment that promotes engagement, professional growth, and a strong sense of community. In doing so, they will attend to the distinct needs of each department within the College, and of clinical-track and other faculty, as well as staff, while enhancing the systems and infrastructure that support their success and contributions.

Cultivate strong internal and external relationships and presence

As the College's primary ambassador, the Dean will be a skilled relationship builder who strengthens partnerships across OU while meaningfully engaging alumni, donors, community leaders, and professional organizations. Through this work, the Dean will expand opportunities for interdisciplinary education and practice, research collaboration, clinical training, and philanthropic support, enhancing the College's visibility and impact across the state and region. The Dean will also serve as a visible advocate for the health professions, elevating the College's voice in shaping healthcare policy, workforce strategy, and community health initiatives.

Introduce new revenue streams while carefully stewarding resources

Sustained growth in enrollment, research, and academic programming will require strategic investment in faculty, facilities, clinical partnerships, technology, and student support. The next Dean will bring strong financial and operational acumen, coupled with the ability to build relationships and make a compelling, data-informed case to secure new resources from internal and external stakeholders. At the same time, the Dean will ensure effective stewardship of existing assets by prioritizing investments, aligning resources with strategic goals, and strengthening administrative processes.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS

To ensure the College's success, the Dean will demonstrate the following qualifications and characteristics:

- Earned PhD or terminal academic degree in a relevant STEM field from an accredited university;
- Credentials required for appointment as an associate or full professor in one of the departments of the College;
- A background in allied health or health professions;
- Experience and achievements in academic administration at the level of chair or above;
- Skills to successfully manage the College's financial position and identify new sources of revenue;
- Demonstrated track record of successful philanthropy;
- Capability to grow research and scholarship by faculty, including through funding, publications, and relationships with other colleges and partners;
- Ability to expand collaboration with other colleges, centers, and clinical practices at the Health Campus, Norman and Tulsa Campuses, and the OU Health hospital system partner;
- Commitment to advance the University's Lead On Strategic Plan and the College's Strategic Plan;
- Enthusiasm to be an ambassador for the College with professional and community groups, locally and nationally.

APPLICATIONS, INQUIRIES, AND NOMINATIONS

Screening of complete applications will begin immediately and continue until the completion of the search process. Inquiries, nominations, referrals, and CVs with cover letters should be sent via the Isaacson, Miller website: <https://www.imsearch.com/open-searches/university-oklahoma-health-sciences-college-allied-health/dean>.

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Why You Belong at the University of Oklahoma:

The University of Oklahoma values our community's unique talents, perspectives, and experiences. At OU, we aspire to harness our innovation, creativity, and collaboration for the advancement of people everywhere. You Belong Here!

Mission of the University of Oklahoma:

The Mission of the University of Oklahoma is to provide the best possible educational experience for our students through excellence in teaching, research and creative activity, and service to the state and society.

Isaacson, Miller, and the University of Oklahoma are committed to creating an inclusive environment and welcome applications from candidates with disabilities. If you have any accommodation or access needs, we are happy to provide reasonable accommodation.

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APPENDIX

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The University of Oklahoma is the state's flagship university. Founded in 1890, the University of Oklahoma was established 17 years prior to Oklahoma's statehood. This venerable institution is committed to student success while helping drive progress across the state. That commitment is embodied in its mission to provide the best possible educational experience for students through excellence in teaching, research and creative activity, and service to the state and society. The University of Oklahoma is guided by fundamental commitments that are concrete, enduring, and centered on its purpose: We Change Lives! OU's work is grounded in shared values of excellence, opportunity and success, boldness, freedom of expression and civility, and civic commitment, which shape how OU serves its students, community, and state.

OU has an enrollment of nearly 37,000 students and offers more than 170 academic programs across three campuses in [Norman](#), [Oklahoma City](#), and [Tulsa](#) and at its additional sites. Designated by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education as a R1 institution, OU had \$474 million in research expenditures in FY2024. Recent gains include a 22-spot rise in *U.S. News* national rankings and a more than 30% increase in freshman enrollment over the past three years, underscoring OU's accelerating momentum.

Strategic Plan and Project 200

OU's refreshed "Lead On, University" [strategic plan](#) is a dynamic roadmap guiding OU's future. At the heart of the strategic plan are five pillars that define how the university fulfills its purpose:

- Lead as a top-tier public research university
- Empower students for a life of success, meaning, and impact
- Ascend as One OU – united by purpose, values, and strategic plan
- Lift the health of Oklahoma
- Shape the future through discovery, creativity, and innovation

[Project 200](#) is a cornerstone of the strategic plan, with a goal of recruiting the nation's top researchers whose discoveries will save lives, strengthen Oklahoma's economy, and position OU among the most impactful research institutions in the country.

Leadership

The University of Oklahoma is led by [Joseph Harroz, Jr., J.D.](#), who was named the 15th President in 2020. Harroz's previous service to the university includes a one-year term as interim president, nine years as dean of the College of Law, twelve years as general counsel, and two years as vice president for executive affairs.

OU HEALTH

In partnership with the University of Oklahoma, [OU Health](#) is the state's only comprehensive academic health system, bringing together hospitals, clinics, and centers of excellence dedicated to delivering evidence-based care. The organization includes more than 11,000 employees, including over 1,300 physicians and advanced practice providers within Oklahoma's largest physician network, offering a full spectrum of specialty care services.

OU Health is also home to Oklahoma Children's Hospital OU Health, the state's only freestanding children's hospital. In addition, OU Health includes the OU Health Stephenson Cancer Center, the state's only National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated cancer center, the OU Health Harold Hamm Diabetes Center, and OU Health University of Oklahoma Medical Center, Oklahoma's premier hospital and the state's leading Level I Trauma Center. Together, these institutions and several others deliver advanced care for the most complex medical conditions while also providing exceptional care for everyday health needs.

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA HEALTH CAMPUS

The University of Oklahoma Health Campus brings together the Colleges of [Medicine](#), [Allied Health](#), [Dentistry](#), [Nursing](#), [Pharmacy](#), [Public Health](#), and the [Graduate College](#), alongside major research and clinical centers including the OU Health [Harold Hamm Diabetes Center](#) and the OU Health [Stephenson Cancer Center](#).

The Health Campus operates with an annual budget of approximately \$900 million and includes more than 800 full-time faculty and 4,000 staff. The Health Campus supports a broad academic and clinical enterprise and educates nearly 4,000 students in more than 70 undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs spanning the Oklahoma City and Tulsa campuses and six additional sites. The OU Health Campus is recognized by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education as a R2 "High Research Spending and Doctorate Production." It is the leading research institution in Oklahoma, achieving a Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research ranking of 98 for National Institute of Health funding in 2025.

Simulation

The Health Campus operates a number of simulation opportunities for student and trainee learning. In 2024, the College opened the Interprofessional Simulation Lab (ISL), a state-of-the-art learning imaging lab. Equipped with the latest in imaging equipment for the four areas of certification: Abdominal Extended, Adult Cardiac, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Vascular, the lab serves learners from allied health, medicine, nursing, and physician associate programs.

The [Clinical Skills Education and Testing Center](#) (CSETC) is a 22,000-square-foot facility at the OU Health Campus where students and practicing clinicians also use simulation-based training to strengthen their patient care skills. CSETC brings together learners from medicine, nursing, allied health, pharmacy, and

other disciplines to develop collaborative, team-based approaches to care. CSETC and the ISL provide immersive learning experiences that reflect real-world clinical environments.

Leadership

The Health Campus is led by [Gary E. Raskob, PhD](#), Senior Vice President and Provost, who has overall responsibility for the educational and research programs of its seven colleges, and its Centers of Excellence – the OU Health Stephenson Cancer Center and the OU Health Harold Hamm Diabetes Center.

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH

Established in 1970, the University of Oklahoma College of Allied Health educates health professionals who contribute to the well-being of individuals and communities across Oklahoma and beyond. Based on the OU Health Campus, the College offers 14-degree pathways and plays a distinctive role in meeting the state's health care workforce needs. The College's Physical Therapy program is offered on both the Oklahoma City and Tulsa campuses. Programs such as Audiology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology, Dietetics, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy, Sonography, and Radiography support essential diagnostic, rehabilitative, and therapeutic services across the lifespan. Several of these programs, including Audiology, Nuclear Medicine, and Radiation Therapy, serve a unique statewide mission as the only programs of their kind in Oklahoma.

Strategic Plan

The College of Allied Health's [strategic plan](#) 2026 – 2030, has been developed in support of OU's overall "Lead On, University" Plan.

Faculty, Staff, and Students

The College has approximately 54 full-time faculty, including tenured, tenure-track, consecutive and limited term, and volunteer. Approximately 9 faculty have been recognized with national fellowships that include the Fellow of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, among others. The College has three endowed chairs, and six faculty hold endowed professorships.

The College is supported by a talented group of 27 staff members. In annual year 2025-2026, 637 students enrolled across the College.

Academic Programs

The College offers a variety of diverse health sciences programs across four departments:

The Department of [Communication Sciences and Disorders](#) offers the following degree programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology

- Doctor of Audiology

The department is one of only a few programs in the nation to train speech-language pathologists and audiologists on a comprehensive medical campus.

The Department of [Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences](#) offers five bachelor's in medical imaging and radiation sciences programs:

- Nuclear Medicine
- Radiation Therapy
- Radiography
- Sonography
- Online (for clinicians who hold a professional credential in nuclear medicine, radiography, radiation therapy, or sonography)

The Department of [Nutritional Sciences](#) offers the following programs:

- Master of Arts in Dietetics
- Master of Science in Nutritional Sciences
- Doctor of Philosophy in Allied Sciences – Nutritional Sciences
- Supervised Clinical Lactation Training Program
- Dietetic Internship

The Department of [Rehabilitation Sciences](#) offers the following programs:

- Doctor of Occupational Therapy
- Doctor of Physical Therapy

College pass rate on professional entry boards/licensure examinations in the eleven professional-entry programs is 94.3 percent.

Accreditation

The Master of Arts education program in Speech-Language Pathology (residential) and the Doctor of Audiology education program in Audiology (residential) is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association for an eight-year term, extending through February 2033.

The Nuclear Medicine Program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT).

The Radiation Therapy Program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) for an eight-year term, extending through November 2026.

The Radiography Program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) for an eight-year term, extending through November 2027.

The Sonography Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of Joint Commission on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS).

The Master of Arts in Dietetics is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND).

The Dietetic Internship was granted full accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for a seven-year term, extending through December 2026.

The entry-level Occupational Therapy doctoral degree program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).

The Physical Therapy Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education and will undergo a 10-year periodic review in Fall 2034.

Research and Scholarship

Research within the College spans basic, clinical, community, and translational science, addressing a wide range of diagnostic areas including neurology, orthopedics, cancer, and diabetes, with all departments participating in the College's research priorities. Students are actively involved, working alongside faculty to develop their own research interests. A research day is hosted annually by the College, including a keynote speaker and student presentations.

Research Centers & Labs

The Communication Sciences and Disorders Department provides cutting-edge research to better understand and treat disorders of speech, language, hearing, and balance.

- [Communication and Aphasia Research Lab](#) (CAR)
- [The Speech Motor Control Laboratory](#)
- [The Tinnitus and Sound Sensitivity Laboratory](#)

The Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences Department offers team-based research imaging services for interprofessional education, non-human imaging and patient-centered care. Research areas include:

- [Computed Tomography Lab](#) (CT)
- [Interprofessional Sonography Laboratory](#) (IPS)
- Virtual Environment Radiotherapy Training

The Department of Nutritional Sciences is leading research to understand the impact of nutrition on health in the basic sciences, clinical sites, and community. Research areas include:

- [Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Laboratory](#) (BNPAL)
- Dietary Analyses and Nutrition Support
- Interprofessional Education and Pedagogy

The Department of Rehabilitation Sciences supports innovative research focused on improving function and participation across the lifespan through sensorimotor, cognitive, psychological, technology, and activity-based interventions and interprofessional collaboration.

- [Center for Human Performance Measurement](#) (CHPM)
- [Developmental Disabilities/School Based Therapy](#)
- [Motor Learning](#)
- [Health-Promoting Activity Lab](#) (Health-PAL)
- [Healthy Aging Through Performance and Participation](#)
- [Cancer Rehabilitation Research Lab](#)
- [The Happy Teacher Project](#)
- [Lee Mitchener Tolbert Center for Developmental Disabilities and Autism](#)
- [The Professor Paws Project](#)
- [Tool Development and Measurement](#)

Keys Clinic

The [John W. Keys Speech and Hearing Center](#) is a comprehensive speech and hearing clinic educating students to be professionals and providing state-of-the-art services.

The Interprofessional Language, Enrichment and Pre-kindergarten Program (iLEAP), located within the Keys Clinic, is a university training program designed to provide a language-rich, pre-kindergarten experience for children with delayed communication development and behavioral challenges, as well as children who exhibit typical development. Interprofessional colleagues work to provide services to children in the areas of dentistry, audiology, occupational therapy, and nutritional sciences. The goal of this specialty clinic is to help children be prepared to mainstream into classrooms in their local school districts and to be successful in the classroom environment. The iLEAP staff consists of certified speech-language pathologists along with graduate and undergraduate students in speech-language pathology within the Communication Sciences and Disorders Department. The iLEAP program is a partner agency of the United Way of Central Oklahoma.

Finances

The Dean oversees a nearly \$14 million budget. Funding sources include state, research, and donor dollars. All budgets are managed at the college level, requested annually, and awarded centrally on the state's fiscal year, which is July 1 to June 30.

Alumni and Development

The College of Allied Health has nearly 10,100 alumni across the nation and in several countries throughout the world. Over \$4.6 million was raised last year, through the generosity of more than 150 donors.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City, the capital and largest city in the state, anchors a growing metropolitan area of more than 1.4 million residents and offers a rare combination of amenities, livability, and affordability. The region enjoys a mild climate with abundant sunshine and long spring and fall seasons that support year-round outdoor activity, complemented by more than 75,000 acres of parks and trails and the nationally recognized Oklahoma River corridor for rowing, kayaking, cycling, and major sporting events. It was ranked a top city to live in by [U.S. News and World Report](#) in 2025.

Over the past two decades, Oklahoma City has experienced sustained civic and economic transformation driven by long-term public investment and population growth. With a collaborative culture, expanding research and innovation ecosystem, and continued investment in infrastructure, Oklahoma City offers an appealing environment for academic leaders seeking both professional opportunity and livability.

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