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DEAN
of the
COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC



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Our Mission

The mission of Northwestern Health Sciences University is to advance and promote natural approaches to health through education, research, clinical services and community involvement.



Our Vision

Our vision is to be the University of Choice for natural and integrative health care. We promote conservative health care approaches that focus on the whole person. We provide leadership to develop collaborative and integrative health care models, support clinical research, prepare students for successful careers, and encourage lifelong learning in service to our community.



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The Opportunity



Northwestern Health Sciences University invites nominations, applications and expressions of interest from potential candidates for the position of Dean, College of Chiropractic. Located in Bloomington, Minnesota, a suburb of the Minneapolis and St. Paul metropolitan area, Northwestern Health Sciences University has a rich history dating back to 1941. The University has built an international reputation for excellence in natural health care education, patient care, scientific research and community involvement. Northwestern currently offers six health care programs in an academically challenging, and professionally relevant learning environment where everyone – faculty, staff, administration and alumni – contribute to student success.

Institutional Profile



The University of Choice in Natural Health Care

Over the course of nearly seven decades, Northwestern has trained more than 5,000 natural care practitioners to provide exceptional natural health care services to patients throughout the world. At the heart of this pioneering institution is a simple yet profound core value which is manifest daily by our staff, faculty, students, and alumni. This core value is encompassed by a two-word statement – we care.

Each of our programs combines a rigorous, well-rounded curriculum taught by outstanding faculty members, who are excellent instructors and often in private practice. Our faculty members model the skills, techniques, and compassion that are essential for our students to become leaders in natural health care.

Northwestern's enrollment of 900 students allows the institution to provide our students with individual attention and access to the educational resources they need. The University's physical facilities are among the best in natural health care education. The nearly 100 faculty and more than 200 staff are dedicated to creating the university of choice in natural health care. And because of the institution's 68-year legacy of being an international leader in natural health care, and its current "Imagine Our Future" Capital Campaign, the University is well-positioned to take "the" leadership role in natural health care education, research and patient care.

Outstanding Resources for Learning

Northwestern recently added a 48,000-square-foot addition to the south side of the University's 25-acre campus, which borders a small lake. The Wolfe-Harris Center for Excellence boosts the University's learning environment to 300,000 square feet of outstanding laboratories, classrooms and clinics. Facilities include the largest natural health care library in Minnesota, a 600-seat auditorium, cafeteria, fireplace lounge, gym, pool, fitness center, bookstore, student lounge, and three teaching clinics.

A Proven Pioneer in Natural Health Care Education

Northwestern Health Sciences University's flagship program, Northwestern College of Chiropractic, began in 1941 and continues to represent a majority of the student population on campus with approximately 700 students. The College provides students with a well-rounded, rigorous doctor of chiropractic program involving 10 trimesters (three and one-third calendar years) of basic and clinical sciences, diagnosis, chiropractic therapeutics, wellness care and practice management.

The Minnesota College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (MCAOM) became part of the University in 1999 and currently has more than 100 students in two programs – a master's degree in acupuncture (eight trimesters) and a master's degree in Oriental medicine (nine trimesters). The acupuncture program is similar to the Oriental medicine program, but does not include herbal studies. The MCAOM program emphasizes the unified understanding of the mind, body and spirit inherent in Oriental medicine.

The School of Massage Therapy at Northwestern is dedicated to graduating massage therapists who possess the skill set necessary to be successful in a wide variety of settings, ranging from hospitals and medical clinics to rehabilitation centers and health clubs. This 885-hour program emphasizes a solid foundation in the basic sciences and 330 hours of clinical experience. The program currently has nearly 100 students enrolled in the evening and day programs.

The School of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies includes a bachelor of science in human biology, which provides doctor of chiropractic students who enroll with three years of college credits the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree while enrolled at Northwestern; an undergraduate studies program that offers prospective chiropractic students a range of basic science classes that satisfy entry requirements into the chiropractic program and are offered in an accelerated format; several graduate-level courses in clinical nutrition; and residency programs.

A Leader in Evidence-Informed, Patient-Centered Clinical Care

Northwestern Health Sciences University is the largest provider of natural health care services in the state of Minnesota, with more than 72,000 patient visits recorded last year. The University operates five public clinics in the Twin Cities, and offers a wide range of natural health care services, including chiropractic, acupuncture, Oriental medicine, massage therapy, naturopathy, healing touch and quality natural health care products. The University is working to develop new models of clinical health care that are based on evidence-informed, patient-centered approaches. In addition, the University has clinical partnerships with more than a dozen community organizations ranging from hospitals to an HIV/AIDS clinic. And the chiropractic program has more than 150 internship sites in private practice clinics through its Community Based Internship program.

A Premier Research Institution

Northwestern's Wolfe-Harris Center for Clinical Studies, located on our Bloomington campus, houses one of the leading natural health care research centers in the United States. The Center has garnered more than \$10 million in federal research dollars and is currently engaged in several groundbreaking research projects, including 1) an integrative care for low back pain study, and 2) a study designed to develop and implement a research curriculum to enhance students' evidence-based health care and information management skills.

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Responsibilities of the Dean

Northwestern Health Sciences University is seeking an exemplary leader with a demonstrated record in administration and an impressive record of clinical and teaching experience for the position of Dean of the College of Chiropractic. The Dean is the senior academic and management leader for the chiropractic program and is responsible for:

- providing leadership for the development and implementation of policy involving all aspects of the chiropractic program including curriculum content and design, clinical education and patient care;
- program quality, through continuous assessment and improvement, through assuring the quality of instruction and through actively assuring the linkage between the academic program and the education required of practicing professionals;
- providing leadership for program review and curriculum development;
- encouraging and supporting faculty in the use of innovative instructional methods;
- communicating a broad vision for the College;
- motivating faculty to contribute to the attainment of program goals.

Reporting to the Dean

- Associate Dean, Chiropractic Education
- Associate Dean, Clinical Education
- Chair, Department of Basic Sciences
- Chair, Department of Chiropractic Studies
- Chair, Department of Diagnosis and Clinical Sciences
- Chair, Department of Health and Wellness
- Chair, Department of Diagnostic Imaging
- Chair, Department of Business and Professional Foundations
- Chair, Department of Clinical Education
- Chiropractic Assessment Coordinator
- Administrative Assistant, College of Chiropractic

Leadership Opportunities for the Dean

The following goals and objectives are derived from the mission statement for Northwestern College of Chiropractic, constitute a short-range operational plan and serve as challenges as well as opportunities for the Dean:

- To create an administrative and communication structure, which will enhance and facilitate shared decision-making and collaboration as related to curriculum assessment, reform and revision;
- To review the curriculum and create a process for ongoing review through a continuous quality improvement model;
- To promote faculty development in the area of teaching skills, curriculum planning and educational scholarship;
- To create a clinical education experience in the University Clinic System that will serve as a model chiropractic practice for our student interns;
- To encourage and participate in the expansion of patient care opportunities for student interns in its University Clinics;
- To promote and participate in the development of interdisciplinary care opportunities for student interns;
- To ensure that faculty actively participate in, and are encouraged to assume leadership roles in national, state and local professional organizations.

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Qualifications for the Position



Northwestern is seeking a Dean who is an excellent leader and will be creative and innovative in maintaining a high quality program in a rapidly changing and competitive health care educational environment. The successful candidate must have:

- An earned doctorate or professional degree, a record of scholarship, and qualify for the rank of professor;
- Impressive record of teaching experience;
- Demonstrated record of successful administrative leadership in health sciences education;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills and a strong managerial aptitude.

Application



The review of credentials will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Interested candidates should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae and three letters of reference. Nominations, applications, and all inquiries should be directed, in confidence to:

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Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs



Dr. Michael Wiles graduated from the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC) in 1976. He also earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto, and a Master of Education degree from Brock University. Following graduation as a chiropractor, he completed a residency program in chiropractic sciences and was awarded one of the first earned Fellowships in the College of Chiropractic Sciences of Canada. He operated a busy urban multidisciplinary practice for 27 years and held numerous academic positions at CMCC during that time, including teaching Chiropractic Principles and Practice for almost 30 years. From 2005-2009, he served as Dean of the College of Chiropractic at Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, Minnesota. He is currently Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Northwestern.

As Provost, Dr. Wiles oversees the academic programs at Northwestern, including Northwestern College of Chiropractic, The Minnesota College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, The School of Massage Therapy, and The College of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies. The Wolfe-Harris Center for Clinical Studies and Northwestern's clinic system are also under the leadership of Dr. Wiles.



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