
VICE DEAN, HEALTH SCIENCES & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OF REHABILITATION SCIENCE

The Vice Dean, Health Sciences (Rehabilitation Science) and Executive Director, School of Rehabilitation Science is the leader and chief executive officer for the School of Rehabilitation Science. She/he has overall responsibility for the educational, research and service activities of the School, the promotion of rehabilitation science within the Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University, and the external community, the development and utilization of faculty, and the development of an organizational culture in which the two professions (physiotherapy and occupational therapy), the three constituents (students, staff and faculty), and the integration of education, research and service are valued and promoted. As a member of one of the two rehabilitation professions, the Vice Dean and Executive Director will work closely with the Assistant Deans of Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy for information, advice and action on issues of relevance to the professions.

General Responsibilities Include:

1. Providing leadership to the School and its major constituents (faculty, students and staff) in achieving goals of the School (includes periodic review of goals and strategies).
2. Promoting effective working relationships within each professional group, between the two professional groups, among faculty, students, and staff, and among the School, the Faculty of Health Sciences, the University, service agencies, alumni, and relevant external bodies.
3. Facilitating and supporting the development of an organizational culture which supports the development of the two professional groups through high quality research and education, and contributions to enhancement of clinical services.
4. Facilitating collaborative approaches to education, research, and service in rehabilitation.
5. Facilitating the professional development of the School's faculty through a variety of strategies including a system of mentors, linkages with established investigators, educators, and clinicians, and educational leave for advanced studies.
6. Conducting regular environmental scans within and external to the rehabilitation professions, to identify trends, changes, and issues of particular relevance to Rehabilitation Science and the School, and taking appropriate action.
7. Functioning as the overall resource manager for the participation of faculty in education, research, and service while integrating the needs of the two professions.
8. Collaborating, and facilitating collaboration of faculty, students, and staff, with the other Schools within the Faculty of Health Sciences, and with the University to achieve the goals of the Faculty of Health Sciences and the University.
9. Participating in the School, Faculty of Health Sciences, University, and the external community as the head of the School at McMaster.

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