Examples of Evidence of Achievement - Professional-Track Faculty

Clinical Professor Title Series

Revised December 2023

Professional-Track faculty in the Clinical Professor Title Series require evaluation in their designated Area of Excellence and of their additional contributions to the academic enterprise that do not fall under their designated Area of Excellence. Promotion requires a formal review of the candidate’s record of contributions and achievements during the requisite time in rank.

Faculty appointed to the Clinical Professor title series are expected to demonstrate active participation in the academic mission of Dell Medical School and active engagement in scholarly activities that derive from and support clinical, teaching, and/or professional service activities. Scholarship is defined broadly and peer-reviewed publications are not required. This is in contrast to the Professor title series in which faculty are expected to play an active and sustained key role in a program of scholarship in an area of expertise, which includes traditional outputs of scholarship (e.g., peer-reviewed publications) in the designated Area of Excellence and garners a reputation beyond the University.

Evidence of clinical expertise is required of all faculty engaged in clinical care, either as the designated Area of Excellence or as a part of additional contributions to the academic enterprise. Clinical expertise is reviewed only for faculty who provide clinical services.

Evidence of academic and professional service is required of all faculty and those academic and professional service activities that don't fall under the designated Area of Excellence are included as a part of additional contributions to the academic enterprise. Faculty in the Clinical Professor title series are expected to regularly contribute scholarly and academic works, sharing their clinical expertise with the profession. Extraordinary clinical expertise, while laudable, is not considered sufficient to warrant a Professorial title without scholarly products.
In the following sections, the examples of evidence of achievement provided for promotion to given ranks by Area of Excellence are neither comprehensive nor prescriptive but are meant to serve as examples of the levels of some common achievements that go beyond the service duties of a faculty member to those within or outside the University and that their results can be shared with, applied, and/or evaluated by peers. Candidates may report other achievements not specified in the guidelines.

**CLINICAL EXPERTISE**

**CLINICAL EXPERTISE:** Enable the delivery and measurement of excellent health care, with a focus on quality, health equity, population and/or public health, value and/or innovation.

**Promotion to Clinical Associate Professor:** In general, promotion to Clinical Associate Professor requires 7 years in rank as Clinical Assistant Professor or equivalent or outstanding achievement with extraordinary reasons for early promotion before 7 years. Shows a record of sustained active engagement in scholarly activities that derive from and support clinical, teaching, and professional service activities. Scholarship is defined broadly and peer-reviewed publications are not required, but can be helpful in demonstrating active engagement in scholarship activities related to Clinical Expertise. Must have evidence of contributions to clinical practice and/or health policies that advance the quality and/or value of patient outcomes and/or population health. Promotion requires a formal review of the candidate’s record of contributions and achievements during the requisite time in rank. An important aspect of the portfolio of activities is trajectory, which is supported by evidence that the impact of activities is increasing over time.

Activities in this area that do not fall within the candidate’s designated Area of Excellence, if different than Clinical Expertise, are reviewed as a part of additional contributions to the academic enterprise.

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| **Leadership** | • Leadership in developing symposia, workshops, etc. related to their area of clinical expertise.  
• Creates and launches effective clinical quality improvement programs, including protocols for clinical care.  
• Established excellence in teaching through educational scholarship; examples may include teaching portfolio scores, teaching awards, book chapters, web-based teaching materials, educational innovations, etc.  |
| **Service/Leadership:** | • Participates in and leads local (or regional or national) organizations, programs, and/or committees.  
• Assumes leadership roles in professional organizations.  
• Awards for service/leadership related to clinical expertise.  
• Demonstrates significant contributions and service to the department, institution and/or community that contributes to the greater good of Dell Med or UT Austin.  
(Service consists of activities that support the University, our broader society (as either a representative of the University or through the use of relevant expertise), and a faculty member’s profession beyond the scope of that faculty member’s official responsibilities.)  |
| **Clinical:** | • Demonstrated evidence of clinical excellence through quality metrics.  
• Evidence of broad referral base across the institution and locally, signifying peer recognition of clinical expertise.  
• Recognition for sustained involvement in hospital or clinic committees/task forces related to clinical care in area of expertise.  
• Attestation by peers as to the quality of contributions to clinical practice.  
• Documentation of outcome measurement and attainment compared with peers, incorporation of outcomes into clinical care improvement in areas of clinical expertise.  
• Record of invitations to present topics related to and in recognition of the candidate’s clinical expertise.  
• Awards for clinical excellence.  |
| **Education:** | • Establishes a record of accomplishment for developing new educational instruments to be delivered in clinical settings.  
(E.g., teaching in the clinic or hospital including bedside teaching, teaching in the operating room, preceptor in clinic.)  |

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• Supports the development, implementation or administration of curricular/instructional materials and activities.
• Participates in and leads departmental, school, or university educational activities.
• Participates in Peer Observation of Teaching to continuously improve clinical teaching skills.
• Recognized as an excellent bedside teacher and clinician as provided by learner and peer feedback. Evaluations from learners and peers consistently rated high (i.e. > 3 of 4 or > 4 of 5).
• Awards for teaching.

Mentorship:*  
(A mentor “fosters personal and professional growth by imparting wisdom, sharing experiences, and delivering expert insight. Encourages holistic long-term mentee success.” e.g., mentor for medical student, graduate or undergraduate student, resident, clinical or postdoctoral research fellow or junior faculty projects; service as graduate student thesis advisor or committee member.)  

Mentors are typically assigned to mentees for an extended period of time to impart professional and leadership skills, and are likely to be mentioned in a mentee’s C.V. or training record. Didactic (lecture-based) teaching is not included here.

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Community-facing Scholarship and Practice:  
(Exemplary scholarly contributions to service and community engagement related to improving the health of the community.)  

• Number of mentees upon whom the candidate had a major influence and the nature of that influence.
• Effective mentoring of undergraduate, graduate and medical students, and postdoctoral fellows.
• Stature of mentees upon whom the candidate had a major influence; stature may be assessed by mentees’ academic role and rank, and their impact. Impact may be assessed through measures such as leadership roles, awards.
• Awards for mentoring.
• Letters of support or references from mentees.

• Research on*:  
  • Programs, policies, and practices aimed at improving health and well-being, including health equity.
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**Community-facing Scholarship and Practice:**

(Exemplary scholarly contributions to service and community engagement related to improving the health of the community.)

*Research on*:

- Programs, policies, and practices aimed at improving health and well-being, including health equity.
- Alignment of systems within the health care enterprise (e.g., shared governance models, data exchange and integration, payment models, etc.).
• Policies, laws, and other public and private sector levers aimed at improving health and well-being, including health equity.
• Service on invited or elected community organizations, committees, boards, NGOs, professional organizations, and/or governing bodies.
• External recognition by community groups, professional societies, advisory committees, or other non-traditional organizations devoted to improving community or public health.
• Creative actions, programs, policy initiatives or other innovative activities that measurably improve health in a community (i.e. contributions to practice and/or policies, etc.)
• Engagement with community or public health leaders.
• Quality and quantity of community engagement activities as evidenced by (a) duration (not a single meeting but ongoing collaboration), (b) activities initiated and executed over time, or (c) impact on some process or outcome measure of community health.

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EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP: Enable the provision of exceptional training, mentoring or curricular development and provide fair and committed support for learners, in alignment with the medical school’s mission to educate leaders who transform health care and redesign the academic health environment to better society.

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| Scholarship:     | • Publication or dissemination of educational material in print or other media; includes syllabi, curricula, videos, web-based training modules or courses, and/or technologies (e.g., simulation); may also include development of educational methods, policy statements, and/or assessment tools.  
• Service as peer reviewer or editorial board member for relevant journals or publications.  
• Development of new or substantially revised courses and curricula.  
• Innovative teaching materials/strategies.  
• Projects funded by external or internal grants to support instructional activities.  
• Publication of textbooks or teaching materials.  
• Invitations to speak about education.  
• Funding to conduct educational research or to develop educational materials, methods, assessment tools or programs. |
| Service/Leadership: | • Emerging reputation as an educational leader in the institution.  
• Evaluations and success of course(s) or program(s) for which candidate was a leader with consistently high ratings (i.e. > 3 of 4 or > 4 of 5).  
• Awards for educational service/leadership.  
• Participates in and leads educational organizations, programs, and/or committees.  
• Assumes leadership roles related to education in professional organizations.  
• Participation in and leadership of departmental, school, or university educational activities.  
• Maintenance of accreditation (if applicable).  
• Board certification pass rates (for residents and fellows, where available).  
• Leadership role in courses related to education. |
| **Didactic Teaching:**  
(e.g., lectures, continuing medical education courses, grand rounds, professional development programs, seminars, tutorials.) | • Service on committees developing guidelines and policies for education/training programs.  
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| • Teaching/lecturing about issues related to education.  
• Evaluations from learners and peers consistently rated high (i.e. > 3 of 4 or > 4 of 5).  
• Participating in Peer Observation of Teaching to continuously improve teaching skills. (Peers rate their teaching > 4 on a 5-point scale).  
• Awards for didactic teaching. |
| **Clinical Teaching:**  
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Community-facing Scholarship and Practice:
(Scholarly contributions to community service, community engagement, and/or community health related to training, mentoring or curricular development)

- Research that sits at the intersection of education and*:
  - Programs, policies, and practices aimed at improving health and well-being, including health equity.
  - Alignment of systems within the health care enterprise (e.g., shared governance models, data exchange and integration, payment models, etc.).
  - Policies, laws, and other public and private sector levers aimed at improving health and well-being, including health equity.
  - Scholarship at the intersection of education and community-based program development and policy
  - Training, mentoring, or curricular development activities that directly support creative actions, programs, policy initiatives or other innovative activities that measurably improve health in a community (i.e. contributions to practice and/or policies, etc.)
  - Engagement with community or public health leaders through or related to educational activities.
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• Sustained service as peer reviewer or editorial board member for relevant journals or publications.  
• Track record of developing new or substantially revised courses and curricula.  
• Track record of developing innovative teaching materials and/or strategies.  
• Educational research projects resulting in findings disseminated at professional conferences and/or in peer-reviewed publications.  
• A track record of projects funded by external or internal grants to conduct educational research or to develop educational materials, methods, assessment tools or programs.  
• Publication of textbooks or teaching materials.  
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| **Service/Leadership:** (Service consists of activities that support the University, our broader society (as either a representative of the University or through the use of relevant expertise), and a faculty member’s | • Demonstrates clear recognition as an educational leader in the institution.  
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profession beyond the scope of that faculty member's official responsibilities.)

| Didactic Teaching: (e.g., lectures, continuing medical education courses, grand rounds, professional development programs, seminars, tutorials) | Demonstrates sustained participation in and leadership of educational organizations, programs and committees.  
Track record of serving in leadership roles related to education in professional organizations.  
Sustained participation in and leadership of departmental, school, or university educational activities.  
Maintenance of program accreditation (if applicable).  
Board certification pass rates (for residents and fellows, where available).  
Track record of leadership roles in courses related to education.  
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Evaluations from learners and peers consistently high (i.e. > 3.4 of 4 or > 4.5 of 5).  
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Participates in Peer Observation of Teaching to continuously improve teaching skills (peers rate their teaching > 4 on a 5-point scale).  
Awards for clinical teaching. |
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**Community-facing Scholarship and Practice:**
(Exemplary scholarly contributions to community service, community engagement, and/or community health related to training, mentoring or curricular development)

- Sustained research activities that sit at the intersection of education and community service, community engagement, and/or community health related to training, mentoring or curricular development
  - Programs, policies, and practices aimed at improving health and well-being, including health equity.
  - Alignment of systems within the health care enterprise (e.g., shared governance models, data exchange and integration, payment models, etc.).
  - Policies, laws, and other public and private sector levers aimed at improving health and well-being, including health equity.
  - Sustained scholarship at the intersection of education and community-based program development and policy.
  - Sustained training, mentoring, or curricular development activities that directly support creative actions, programs, policy initiatives or other innovative activities that measurably improve health in a community (i.e. contributions to practice and/or policies, etc.).
  - Sustained engagement with community or public health leaders through or related to educational activities.
  - Sustained high quality and quantity of community engagement activities related to educational activities as evidenced by (a) duration (not a single meeting but ongoing collaboration), (b) activities initiated and executed over time, or (c) impact on some process or outcome measure of community health.
INVESTIGATION AND INQUIRY

Investigation and Inquiry would rarely be a designated Area of Excellence for Professional-Track faculty in the Clinical Professor title series. Departments who believe they may have Professional-Track faculty in the Clinical Professor title series who would be appropriate for this Area of Excellence should reach out to the Office of Faculty Academic Affairs to discuss.

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