

Academy Physiotherapist



Job Description

Title:	Academy Physiotherapist
Department:	Academy Sports Science and Medicine Department
Location:	OUFC Training Complex, Roman Way, Oxford, OX33 1RT
Type of Role:	Full-time
Accountable to:	Head of Academy Medical
Reports to:	Head of Academy Medical

Ahead of a planned transition to Category 2 Academy status: OUFC Boys EPPP Academy are looking to add to their excellent existing team of full-time staff with the addition of a new “**Academy Physiotherapist**”.

Reporting directly to the Head of Academy Medical Services, prospective candidates will be joining Oxford United at an exciting time in the club's history, with a planned transition to Category 2 Academy status, operating out of a newly renovated Training Ground, plus development of a brand-new stadium for the senior men's and women's teams.

The successful candidate will have a fierce commitment to clinical excellence and a willingness to work closely with the club's athletic performance and coaching staff. Based at the club training ground, this exciting opportunity will see the successful candidate have day-to-day clinical responsibility for players within the U9-16's age groups: leading evening clinics, providing assessment and treatment across the part-time Academy programme, as well as exposure to the U19's, U23's and First Team who operate out of the same site.

Oxford United Football Club is an equal opportunities employer. We are committed to equality of opportunity within our own organisation, and to encourage a similar commitment from every other organisation we deal with.

Please see the attached Job Description for further details regarding this role.

Applications should be made by email to Head of Academy Medical, Sam Coleman on scoleman@oufc.co.uk before **17:00 on Friday 22nd September 2023** and should include:

- An up-to-date CV including details of all relevant qualifications and experience.
- A covering letter outlining your suitability for the role.
- Details of two references, one of whom must have had experience in an Elite Sporting environment.

All candidates will be required to provide proof of all relevant certificates and qualifications and this post will also be subject to an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

BAME Declaration

The EFL and Premier League have introduced positive action measures aimed at tackling the underrepresentation of coaches, managers and staff from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) backgrounds within professional football. Here at Oxford United we are committed to exceeding these new requirements and, as a result, will shortlist at least one suitably qualified BAME candidate (where an application has been received) for all full-time roles within our Academy.

OUFC is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. It is therefore mandatory the post holder has valid and appropriate DBS clearance, at all times.

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Key responsibilities

- Oversee and deliver physiotherapy programme for U9-16 squads.
- Lead medical contact for U9-16 squads and parents/guardians.
- Medical lead for evening training/injury clinics and Sunday match-days with support of part-time staff.
- Scheduling and communication of part-time medical cover for U9-16 training and fixtures.
- Manage and complete all medical record keeping for U9s-U16s squads.
- Support & develop part-time physio's, students and volunteers.
- Contribute to the multi-disciplinary support of players in line with Individual Learning Plans.

Essential Qualifications & Experience

- BSc (hons) Physiotherapy (Sports Therapists/Rehab will **not** be considered)
- Full membership of the CSP and registered with the Health Care Professions Council (HCPC).
- FA ITMMiF as a minimum (or willingness to work towards ASAP).
- Outstanding communication and organisation skills.
- Physical competency level to demonstrate and lead gym and field-based rehabilitation sessions.
- Experience of pitch-based rehabilitation, return to play protocols & safeguarding compliance.
- Confident, self-motivated and able to work under pressure.
- Ability to work collaboratively with players, parents and staff.
- Outstanding clinical knowledge in sports physiotherapy.
- Sound knowledge of Microsoft Excel/PowerPoint/word

Desirable Qualifications & Experience

- A clear understanding of the Premier League's Elite Player Performance Plan (EPPP).
- FA Safeguarding qualification.
- Minimum 1-year full-time experience providing physio support in an elite sporting environment.
- Awareness of the PMA management software for Academy Audit process.
- A full drivers' licence and access to your own vehicle.
- Lives within 60min radius of training ground.

Person Specification

- Ability to work in a high pressured, elite performance environment.
- Ability to meet deadlines with high level of precision and reliability.
- Willingness to contribute to Academy running with a sense of adaptability and co-operation.
- High character individual who will represent the values of the club at all times.
- Willingness to work weekends and evenings as required by the role.
- Keen interest in evidence based, preparation and performance strategies in youth football.

Remuneration Package

- Full-time salary: £27,500 plus benefits
- Comprehensive internal and external CPD programme.
- Opportunity to receive tickets for OUFC home games.
- Use of fully equipped gym.
- Lunch provided on training days in training ground canteen.

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