



PROGRAM DIRECTOR for a new Physician Assistant Program, Mercyhurst College, Erie PA

Job Description

The program director will be responsible for establishing a new Physician Assistant (PA) master degree program at Mercyhurst College. Mercyhurst is a private, four-year Catholic comprehensive college located in Erie, Pennsylvania. The director will oversee all elements of the new program including its strategic direction. He or she will be in charge of accreditation, personnel recruitment and management, faculty recruitment and development, curriculum development and evaluation, budgeting and fiscal management, program representation and marketing, and student recruitment and mentoring. The program director will work to establish internal partnerships with existing health programs at Mercyhurst and external partnerships with local, regional and national organizations regarding new program development. He or she will establish formal partnerships with appropriate local and regional clinical sites for PA students to gain practical experience. Once the program is established the director will maintain ties and relationships and will engage in scholarship and teaching activities including securing external research funding through the preparation of grants, reports and self-studies related to program development.

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The position will be a 12-month tenure track appointment and will report directly to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Rank and salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Qualifications

The applicant must be a master level NCCPA-certified PA and should have at least 3-5 years work experience as a PA at a clinical site. The applicant should have: strong interpersonal skills, demonstrated excellence in clinical practice, demonstrated leadership and management experience, and some teaching experience. The applicant should be knowledgeable about PA programs (fiscal management, planning, development) as well as the accreditation process for PA programs. Applicants with evidence of prior creativity and experience working within an established PA program will receive priority. All applicants must pass a background check.

To Apply

Interested candidates should send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and three references to Dr. David Dausey, Professor of Public Health, Mercyhurst College, 501 East 38th Street, Erie, PA 16546. You may also apply online at hrinfo@mercyhurst.edu.

Mercyhurst is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer that encourages members of diverse groups to apply.