

## **Director of Didactic Education Drury University Physician Assistant Program**

Drury University is a mid-sized private institution founded in 1873, located in Springfield, Missouri, and known for its proximity to the Ozark mountains, is developing a physician assistant program slated to begin in Fall of 2023. The program is seeking an individual who loves educating students, the educational process, and works well in a team-oriented environment.

The experienced clinician and educator will work closely with the program director in developing the inaugural didactic year. The successful candidate will be responsible for oversight of all aspects of the didactic phase of the physician assistant program, and provide effective leadership toward meeting program and student learning outcomes related to the pre-clinical phase of the program. The Director of Didactic Education will work with the Program Director and other members of the PA faculty to ensure that students consistently meet the program's student learning outcomes and to ensure the program's didactic phase follows all ARC-PA accreditation standards pertaining to didactic training.

### **Responsibilities include:**

- Create and develop a dynamic curriculum for the academic year that includes problem-based learning, active learning, and classroom-based learning
- Prepare didactic year syllabi consistent with the program mission
- Direct didactic program delivery including creating and maintaining the didactic year class schedule
- Course coordination and classroom teaching
- Work with faculty to ensure compliance with educational objectives and academic rigor is maintained
- Assign teaching assignments and ensure appropriate distribution of faculty workload and resources
- Recruitment and scheduling of guest lecturers for didactic courses
- Direct and lead test preparation and examination delivery and student and program assessments
- Construct and coordinate remediation policy and programming
- Student academic and professional development advising
- Assist with data collection and analysis to support the ARC-PA self-assessment process for evaluation of the didactic year and overall program success
- Assist in the continuous review and compliance of the ARC-PA accreditation process
- Serve on committees assigned by the program director
- Participate in the admissions process including application review and selection for the Drury University PA program
- Perform any other responsibilities delegated by the PA program director
- Clinical practice time is encouraged.

### **Minimum Requirements:**

- Master's degree as a Physician Assistant from an ARC-PA accredited program
- Current NCCPA Certification
- Eligible for Missouri state licensure as a PA
- Three (3) years academic experience (preferred)

- 3 - 5 years clinical experience (required)
- Experience in PA/medical classroom teaching
- Experience in PA education administration (preferred).

**Additional requirements include:**

- Excellent teaching skills
- Ability to use current technologies in teaching
- Strong ability to organize, plan, and multi-task
- Strong work ethic, initiative and team skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Strong interpersonal skills with student and staff populations
- Strong computer skills (MS Office Suite)

**Interested candidates should submit the following:**

- Cover letter expressing interest for the position
- Resume/CV
- Statement of teaching philosophy
- Four references (pertaining to clinician or educational skills)

Submit all materials electronically to [PAProgramsearch@drury.edu](mailto:PAProgramsearch@drury.edu). Date of first consideration is June 20, 2021 for those with complete applications.

**ENVIRONMENT:**

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable qualified individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. The term “qualified individual with a disability” means an individual with a disability who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of the position.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to communicate professionally in person, over the telephone, through email and other electronic means, move about the office or school, handle various types of media and equipment, and visually or otherwise identify, observe, and assess.

The university is in Springfield, Missouri, a city of 167,000 in the heart of the Ozarks, offering its residents a broad range of cultural and recreational opportunities. The 90-acre campus is centered in Springfield’s largest historic district. Springfield is a vibrant community with a diverse and growing economy with amenities including easy access to outdoor lakes, golf, trails and other recreation, a lively downtown, an active arts community and college and professional sports.

Drury is an Equal Opportunity Employer. *Successful candidates will be able to assist the university in advancing its **mission** and **strategic priorities**, which includes institution-wide **diversity and inclusiveness**.* Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply.