



Director of Didactic Education: Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Program

Drury University, in partnership with the national search firm, **Scott Healy & Associates**, is seeking a Director of Didactic Education for their Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) program. The MPAS program is slated to begin in August, 2023, and will be the first graduate healthcare program among several planned within the newly established School of Health Sciences at Drury. Reporting to the Founding Program Director, the Director of Didactic Education will be student-centered and have a passion for developing a dynamic didactic program. Drury is seeking an individual who loves educating students, enjoys the educational process, and works well in a team-oriented environment.

The candidate chosen 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. The Director of Didactic Education will work to ensure the program's didactic phase follows all ARC-PA accreditation standards pertaining to didactic training.

Drury University:

Drury University, a small liberal arts institution located in Springfield, Missouri, is known for its student-centered approach to education. The University's rigorous academic environment, intentional professional development experiences, and many professional clubs and organizations produce students who are prepared to be the next generation of leaders in their chosen careers. Drury's dedicated and conscientious mentoring of students allows them to explore their personalities and many career options to find their best professional paths.

Drury is regularly recognized by national publications for its high quality programs, highlighting it as the private university of choice in the Midwest for ambitious students seeking a liberal arts education integrated with selective professional programs. The University has been a catalyst for progressive changes in the region since its inception in 1873, and continues to be a leader in transformative educational experiences. Drury recently developed a number of new undergraduate and graduate programs, began construction of a nearly 60,000 square foot Enterprise Center and Executive Conference Center, and procured resources for the new School of Health Sciences. Importantly, planning is underway for a major capital campaign to mark Drury's 150th anniversary in 2023. These efforts, along with many other initiatives, position the University to expand its work to equip graduates for meaningful lives of work and service for generations to come.

Springfield, MO:

Springfield is the third largest city in the state of Missouri and the county seat of Greene County. With more than 456,000 people in the metro area and millions of tourists each year, Springfield is rich with interesting and entertaining attractions, more than 850 dining options and a variety of shopping and cultural activities. Living in Springfield is easy. It has a plentiful and growing job market, great schools, excellent health care, distinctive entertainment, and a wonderful culture—overflowing with abundant character and friendliness. All at the same time, you can fast-track your career, afford the home you've always wanted, simplify your commute, and enrich your life

amid the natural Ozarks beauty. Among Springfield's finest assets are its beautiful scenery and clean environment, something community leaders are striving to maintain through a variety of programs and sustainable building projects.

Qualifications:

- 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 (highly preferred);
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills;
- Strong interpersonal skills with student and staff populations.

Job Duties and Responsibilities:

- Creating and developing a dynamic curriculum for the academic year;
- Preparing syllabi consistent with the program mission;
- Directing didactic program delivery which includes creating and maintaining the didactic year schedule;
- Course coordination and classroom teaching;
- Working with faculty to ensure compliance with educational objectives and academic rigor;
- Recruiting and scheduling of adjunct faculty for didactic courses;
- Directing and leading test preparation and examination delivery;
- Advising student academic and professional development;
- Assisting with data collection and analysis to support the ARC-PA self-assessment;
- Assisting in the continuous review and compliance of the ARC-PA accreditation process;
- Serving on committees such as the curriculum committee and academic performance committee;
- Participating in the admissions process.

Application and Nomination Process:

All correspondence relating to the Director of Didactic Education position at Drury University should be directed in confidence to the University's executive recruitment consultant:



Scott Healy & Associates
Services for Higher Education

Mr. Jamie Marcus, Senior Associate Vice President
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The full and complete application should contain the following information:

- 1) A cover letter highlighting your professional experience;
- 2) A complete CV outlining your career in higher education and within health-related areas; and

- 3) The names of five professional references including their relationship to you, their position, email, and direct phone numbers. References will be contacted only after written permission is received from the finalist.

Applications submitted by **October 15, 2021**, will receive priority consideration. This search will remain open until the position is filled.

Drury University is an open and welcoming community from a rich variety of cultures, races and socio-economic backgrounds. The mission and goals of the university dedicate the institution to being a community which “affirms the quality and worth of all peoples” and appreciates the “diversity of human culture, language, history and experience.”

Drury University does not discriminate on the basis of disability, race, color, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, or veteran status in its programs and activities.