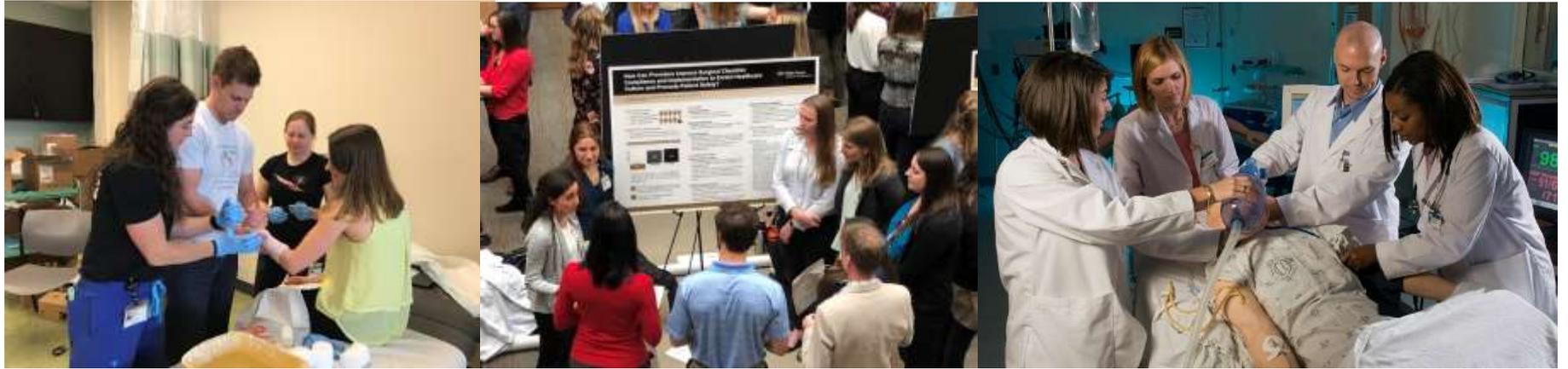


CHAIR

Department of Physician Assistant Studies





POSITION SUMMARY



CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF PA STUDIES

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Wake Forest School of Medicine is seeking a national leader for the role of Chair for the Department of PA Studies. Reporting to the Dean of Wake Forest School of Medicine (WFSM) through the Sr. Associate Dean of Health Sciences, the Chair leads and directs the educational mission and initiatives of the Department of PA Studies including the PA program and the research and scholarship division. The Chair is responsible for the overall direction and administrative leadership for educational, research, and engagement activities, as well as for the management of human resources and budgetary and fiscal resources. The Chair oversees the Department of PA Studies' strategic, operational, and financial planning processes, strategizing with the Dean and other senior leadership on institutional planning, policy and program development, and problem resolution, ensuring that implementation plans are effectively developed, communicated, managed and executed.



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Two exceptional locations.
One extraordinary program.



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In 1969, in Winston-Salem, Bowman Gray School of Medicine – now Wake Forest School of Medicine – launched its Physician Assistant (PA) program. Today, the program is ranked 7th in the nation for 2020 by U.S. News & World Report's Graduate School Rankings. The program consists of **two campus locations** in North Carolina: one in Winston-Salem (64 students) and one in Boone (24 students) located on the campus of Appalachian State University. The Department of PA Studies (DPAS) is committed to producing graduates with the clinical, professional and leadership qualities that will enable them to serve both their communities and the PA profession.

The **vision** of the Wake Forest School of Medicine PA program is to create a future generation of leaders for the PA profession. The **mission** of the Wake Forest School of Medicine Physician Assistant (PA) Program is to produce highly capable, compassionate PAs who deliver patient-centered care, make significant contributions to the health care community and continually advance the PA profession.

The PA Program **curriculum** uses an **inquiry-based**, small group, self-directed learning model based on real patient medical problems providing learners with increasing responsibility for their own education.

This model is complemented by instruction in basic sciences, pharmacology, and evidence-based medicine with a focus on primary health care delivery. Graduates of the 24-month program earn a Master of Medical Science (MMS) degree.

The DPAS has a **combined program** for the Ph.D. degree in the Molecular Medicine and Translational Science Program (MMTS) and the Master of Medical Science Degree in the PA Program (PA-M.M.S.)

The PA Program partnered with Wake Forest University's School of Business and School of Law to initiate the **Emerging Leaders Program** (ELP). Both ELP programs produce highly capable, entrepreneurial physician assistants equipped with the business or legal competencies to succeed in a complex health care environment.

PA Studies faculty at the Wake Forest School of Medicine are actively involved in **research** and **scholarship**. The goals of these initiatives are to ensure an innovative curricular experience and to promote the PA profession. Current and past research in the department has focused on enhancing the PA workforce, inter-professional education, and educating PAs on clinical conditions that are challenging to diagnose or treat.





WAKE FOREST SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



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Wake Forest School of Medicine is recognized as one of America's best medical schools for its innovative, experiential learning curriculum, primary care training, and research programs and is among the top U.S. academic medical centers in total funding from the National Institutes of Health (approximately \$112 million in 2018).

The School of Medicine directs the education of nearly 2,500 students, residents and fellows including physicians, basic scientists and allied clinical professionals, offering MD, PhD and MS degrees, as well as five joint-degree programs. The school's faculty focuses on pioneering breakthroughs in advanced medicine, basic science and leading-edge health care technologies. The school is a leader in driving discoveries.

The major educational venue of Wake Forest School of Medicine – the Bowman Gray Center for Medical Education – is located in the Innovation Quarter, one of the fastest-growing urban-based districts for innovation in the United States. Home to more than 170 companies, five leading academic institutions, more than 3,700 workers, 1,800 degree-seeking students and more than 8,000 workforce trainee participants, the Innovation Quarter is a place for research, business and education in biomedical science, information technology, digital media, clinical services and advanced materials—creating a robust knowledge community.

The Innovation Quarter currently comprises 1.9 million square feet of office, laboratory and educational space on more than 330 acres. There are approximately 770 apartments and condominiums within or close by the Innovation Quarter. The district is a thriving example of successful placemaking—fostering a forward-thinking environment for innovations, partnerships and community to be developed.



JULIE FREISCHLAG, MD, FACS, FRCSED(HON), DFSVS



Julie A. Freischlag, MD, FACS, FRCSEd(Hon), DFSVS, is the chief executive officer of Wake Forest Baptist Health, dean of Wake Forest School of Medicine, and chief academic officer of Atrium Health Enterprise.

As CEO and dean, she has the overall responsibility for the health system's clinical, academic and innovation enterprises and its

annual operating budget of \$3 billion. Previously, Freischlag was vice chancellor for Human Health Sciences and dean of the School of Medicine at UC Davis.

Freischlag has helped to drive change in academic medicine with a deep commitment to diversity and inclusion. For more than 15 years, she has led education and training programs at top medical schools in her role as professor and chair of surgery and vascular surgery departments. Freischlag also has more than 30 years of experience leading patient-care services as chief of surgery or vascular surgery at nationally ranked hospitals. She served as professor, chair of the surgery department and surgeon-in-chief at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. She led initiatives to expand research, add specialty clinical services, improve patient-centered care and patient safety, redesign the surgical training program and enhance academic career paths for faculty.

Her national leadership includes serving as a former governor and secretary of the Board of Governors and a regent and past chair of the Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons. She is the past president of the Society for Vascular Surgery and the

Society for Vascular Surgery Foundation, and past president of the Association of VA Surgeons and the Society of Surgical Chairs. Freischlag was the editor of JAMA Surgery for 10 years (2005-2014) and is a member of the editorial boards of the Annals of Vascular Surgery, Journal of the American College of Surgeons and British Journal of Surgery. She was recently named to the JAMA Editorial Board.

She has published more than 250 manuscripts, abstracts and book chapters, primarily addressing the treatment of abdominal aortic aneurysms, carotid artery disease and peripheral vascular disease utilizing outcome data and clinical trials; additionally, she has published on burnout and work-life balance.

Freischlag is an internationally recognized expert in the treatment of thoracic outlet syndrome which can require a specialized surgical procedure. Her present research involves completing assessment of a prospective randomized trial that tracks more than 800 patients from 34 Veterans Affairs Medical Centers across the country to compare outcomes in patients who received either open or endovascular repair of their abdominal aortic aneurysm. Freischlag has received numerous teaching awards, an achievement award from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2015.

Currently, Freischlag serves on the Executive Board Association of Academic Health Centers, the Council of Deans of the Association for American Medical Colleges, Aga Khan University Board of Trustees, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine Advisory Board, the University of Illinois Health Advisory Board and the American Hospital Association Changing Workforce Task Force.



WAKE FOREST BAPTIST HEALTH



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Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist (www.WakeHealth.edu) is a nationally recognized academic health system in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, with an integrated enterprise including educational and research facilities, hospitals, clinics, diagnostic centers, and other primary and specialty care facilities serving 24 counties in northwest North Carolina and southwest Virginia.

It comprises: a regional clinical system with more than 300 locations, 2,100 physicians and 1,535 acute care beds; Wake Forest School of Medicine; and Wake Forest Innovations, which promotes the commercialization of research discoveries and operates Innovation Quarter, an urban research and business park specializing in biotechnology, materials science and information technology. Wake Forest Baptist's clinical, research and educational programs are consistently ranked among the best in the country.

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center is the region's only Level I trauma center, renowned for handling the region's most complex medical cases. With clinical expertise in more than 100 specialties including cancer, cardiology, geriatrics, nephrology, neurosciences, orthopaedics, pediatrics and urology, patients from across the country rely on the Medical Center for quality health care and compassionate service. Brenner Children's Hospital is located on the main campus and offers a full range of specialized pediatric services. It was the first Level I pediatric trauma center in North Carolina.

Wake Forest Baptist is a major research and innovation center, making important contributions to biomedical and health science research nationally and internationally. Wake Forest Innovations commercializes technology, products and services arising from the

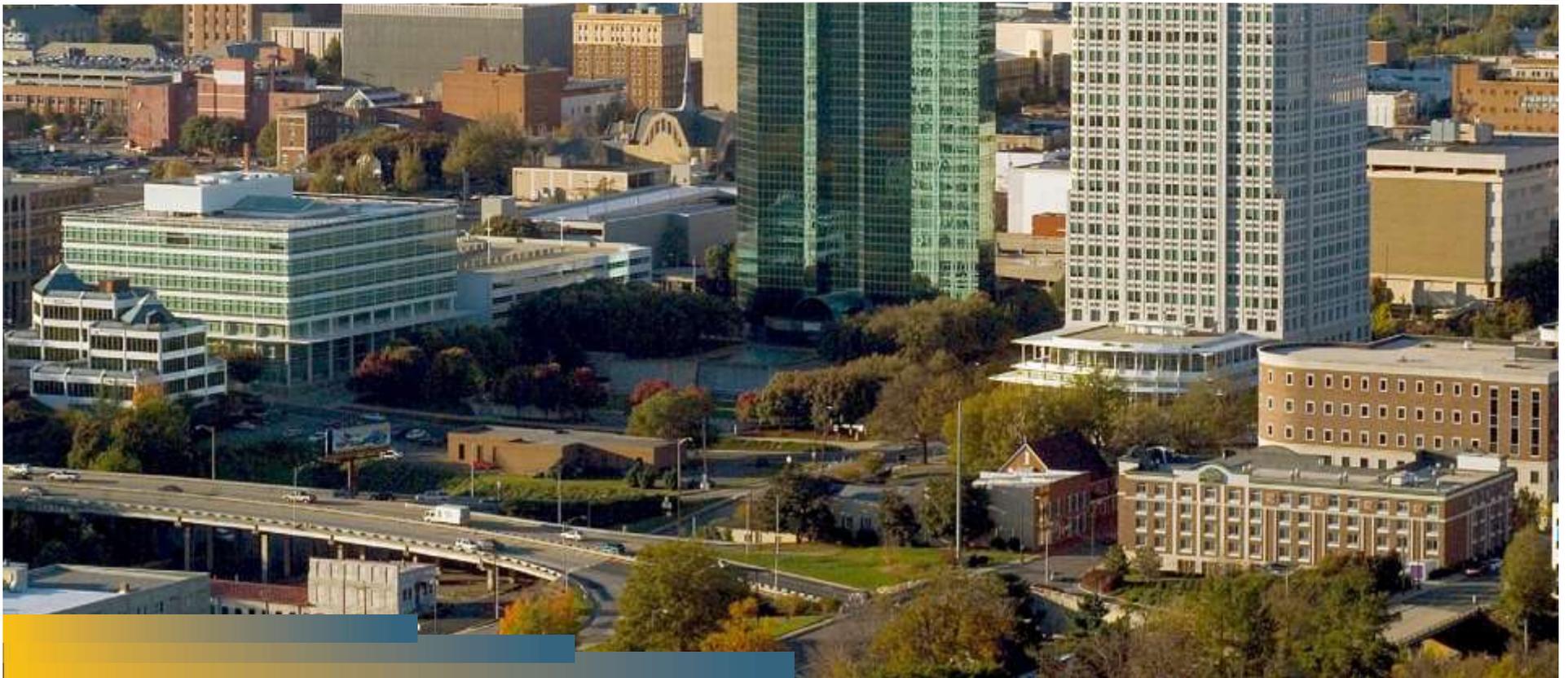
discoveries and scientific assets of Wake Forest Baptist and Wake Forest University.

This is a time of tremendous growth for our medical school and health system. In October 2020, Wake Forest Baptist Health and Atrium Health officially joined together as a single enterprise. Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, Atrium Health is an integrated, not-for-profit health care system with over 55,000 teammates at nearly 40 hospitals and hundreds of care locations throughout the Carolinas and Georgia. As part of this new enterprise, Atrium Health has announced \$3.4 billion in planned investments in our health system and the communities we serve. Wake Forest Baptist Health and Wake Forest School of Medicine will become the academic core of Atrium Health, building a second campus of the School of Medicine in Charlotte, North Carolina. The growth of the medical school will expand existing academic research capabilities and opportunities for clinical trials across a large, diverse market with some of the nation's leading medical experts.

With Wake Forest Baptist Health and Wake Forest School of Medicine forming the academic core of the new Atrium Health enterprise, it is additionally committing nearly \$600 million to advance Wake Forest Baptist's academic mission and further elevate its national reputation. Included in this are a new \$150 million academic endowment created to fund additional education and research growth and a \$70 million Academic Enrichment Fund to accelerate academic initiatives. Expansion of educational programs, biomedical research, clinical trials and life-saving treatments that improve health are also planned.



WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA



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Located in Forsyth County, Winston-Salem (population approximately 376,000) is part of the Piedmont Triad region of North Carolina (Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point; total population approximately 1.7 million). Winston-Salem is the state's fifth largest city, featuring a moderate climate with all four seasons and a cost of living 19% below the national average. The nation's much-loved Blue Ridge Mountains and Parkway are a one-to-two-hour drive to the north and west, and the foothills extend to Winston-Salem, providing outstanding local hiking, biking and other outdoor activities. North Carolina's beaches are approximately four hours east, close enough to enjoy during long weekends.

Winston-Salem is a region on an upward trajectory that still maintains its Southern roots. Although the city is traditionally Southern in its friendliness, it has an international feel. The metro area celebrates its diversity during an array of festivals and through a variety of cuisines. You'll find a multitude of restaurants serving everything from traditional North Carolina barbecue to Indian curries and Greek pastries, a thriving community of microbreweries and 42 wineries in the area.

Winston-Salem's steady growth has preserved the region's small-town feel while allowing for improvements, such as repurposing old textile and tobacco factories into modern offices and loft apartments. Due to heavy interest in residential and corporate development, the region has become a fertile land for entrepreneurs and small businesses.

As home to the first Arts Council in the United States and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, Winston-Salem paved the way for public-private support of the arts, and created the model for arts councils nationwide. Our numerous galleries, performing arts groups, theaters, collectives and collections continue to attract and appeal to arts lovers worldwide.



For more information on Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, please visit: www.visitwinstonsalem.com, www.winstonsalem.com, and www.co.forsyth.nc.us

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REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS

- The Department Chair must be a PA eligible for current licensure in North Carolina and must hold NCCPA certification. The Department Chair must have a record of accomplishments in education, patient care, and research with a national reputation for promoting the profession.
- The Department Chair must have a record of effective leadership, administrative and management skills including fiscal and personnel management.
- A minimum of 3 years' experience in PA education
- Prior participation in the ARC-PA accreditation process with a significant role on the accreditation planning team
- Experience with a program with multiple campus locations
- Financial and operational savviness with proven business acumen, exceptional organizational and negotiation skills
- Exceptional advocacy and influencing skills, with the capability to represent and market the PA profession across the enterprise
- Proven ability to innovate
- Authentic, supportive, empathetic, transparent, flexible and resilient leadership style
- Passion for developing students and faculty
- Respectful and supportive of, and committed to, diversity
- Strong team building skills
- Exceptional communication skills

COMPENSATION

The successful applicant will receive a competitive compensation package at a level commensurate with experience and academic achievement, including an attractive salary, comprehensive benefits, and relocation assistance.

TO APPLY FOR THIS POSITION PLEASE CONTACT

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