Program Director and Clinical Associate/Full Professor of Physician Assistant Studies

Description: Carroll University seeks a Program Director and Clinical Associate/Full Professor of Physician Assistant Studies for its innovative Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program that is dedicated to developing students' competency to serve medically underserved populations in a variety of primary care settings. This is a full-time, 12-month position.

Start Date: June 15, 2018

Responsibilities: As the Director of the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Program, reporting to the Chair of the Department of Health and Medicine, the successful candidate has responsibility for Carroll University’s Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Program related to program teaching, organization, administration, fiscal management, ongoing assessment and analysis, and professional accreditation. The director has oversight of faculty in the program ensuring that faculty expectations include teaching, clinical scholarship/professional activity and participation in advising, admission, and recruitment activities are met. Participation in professional organizations is also expected. As a clinical faculty member, the successful applicant has teaching and service responsibilities based on the individual’s areas of expertise. Opportunities also exist for continued clinical practice and participation in local and international service learning initiatives.

Qualifications: The Program seeks candidates with a documented record of excellence in leadership, teaching, clinical practice, scholarship, and university service. The Program Director must be a Physician Assistant with a Master's Degree or higher, or a Physician. If a Physician Assistant, the director must hold current NCCPA certification and current Physician Assistant licensure in Wisconsin. If a Physician, the director must hold current licensure as an Allopathic or Osteopathic Physician in Wisconsin.

Track Appointment, Rank and Salary: This is a clinical faculty track position at the rank of clinical associate or full professor. Salary is commensurate with experience.

The Program: The Physician Assistant Studies Program educates physician assistants to provide comprehensive quality health care to all, to be respectful of patient values, to be committed to ethical principles, and to be grounded in evidence-based practice and clinical reasoning. Graduates contribute to both their profession and their communities and are prepared to practice medicine in a variety of primary care settings under the supervision of physicians. Graduates are prepared to provide service to medically underserved communities and diverse patient populations. The MSPAS program is housed within the Department of Health and Medicine in the College of Health Sciences. It is closely affiliated with the Doctor of Physical Therapy, Master of Occupational Therapy Program and undergraduate programs in Athletic Training, Exercise Science, Public Health, and Nursing. The MSPAS program is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) providing education to 20 students/year. The program has a strong commitment to inter-disciplinary team building and faculty include PA-Cs, PhDs, and MDs. The program is located in a state of the art, 55,000 sq. ft. interdisciplinary graduate teaching and research facility. This facility provides comprehensive teaching and laboratory space specifically designed for the MSPAS program. In addition, the program utilizes the newly built Michael and Mary Jaharis Laboratories for its state-of-the-art cadaver lab and Anatomage Dissection table. The program also has access to state-of-the-art interdisciplinary simulation laboratories on campus. A robust service learning program exists within the MSPAS program and other health sciences programs to serve the healthy, diseased, disabled, and underserved within the local and international community. The MSPAS program has recently completed a HRSA ARRA Training in Primary Medicine and Dentistry: Physician Assistant Training in Primary Care grant focused on the development of cultural competency in physician assistants and
service to medically underserved communities. The MSPAS program has current funding from a HRSA PCTE Training in Primary Care and Enhancement grant focused on Integrative Health, Interprofessional Experiences, and Health Literacy.

The Department: The Department of Health and Medicine includes the Master of Occupational Therapy and the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies graduate programs as well as the following majors: Health Sciences—Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Health Sciences—Radiologic Technology, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Public Health, and minors in Health Education and Health and the Human Experience. The Department also includes a robust inter-professional initiative with Nursing, Physical Therapy, and Human Movement Sciences.

The College: The College of Health Sciences offers undergraduate and graduate programs through four departments—Health and Medical Sciences Human Movement Sciences (athletic training, exercise science, exercise physiology); Physical Therapy (DPT); and Nursing (BSN, RN to BSN, MSN). The college has a strong staff of academic administrative and support personnel. The college and its departments and programs prepare health care professionals for clinical practice in evolving delivery systems, health care education, and integrative research in a diverse society. The college wide foci include interprofessional education and practice, the integrated approach to health, innovative learning and healthcare technologies, and community partnerships. The College supports the interdisciplinary nature of health science education and has received federal and private foundation grant awards to support these as well as program specific initiatives. A dynamic and growing entity, the College has focuses on innovation, primary care, the medically underserved, and external partnerships.

The University: Founded in 1846, Carroll University is an independent, co-educational comprehensive University. The Carroll mission is to "provide a superior education, rooted in its Presbyterian and liberal arts heritage, and draws upon the Christian tradition to prepare all students for vocational success, lifelong learning and service in a diverse and global society.” Carroll University is located in suburban Waukesha, 16 miles west of Milwaukee and 60 miles east of Madison. The University serves 3600 undergraduate and graduate students. The University though intentionally ecumenical and non-sectarian in approach, is related to the Presbyterian Church, USA. Candidates must be willing and able to support and advance the University mission.

For More Information: For more information about the university, please access www.carrollu.edu.

Application: Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. For consideration, please submit the following documents in Word or PDF format to facapp@carrollu.edu as email attachments with the subject line "Director of Physician Assistant Program":
1) Letter of application,
2) Curriculum Vitae, and
3) Statement of teaching philosophy

Final applicants will be asked to submit graduate transcripts and three letters of reference.

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