Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions

Chair and Program Director - Department of Physician Assistant Studies

The University of South Alabama and its Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions seeks a dynamic and resourceful leader to serve as Chair and Program Director of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies.

In addition to providing effective leadership and management of the Physician Assistant Studies department, the Chair and Program Director is expected to assist the Dean in strategically implementing her vision for the College and the program.

Responsibilities include departmental administration, overseeing the accreditation process and compliance with professional organization requirements, teaching, scholarly activities, university/community service, and maintenance of a positive and productive relationship with the university community, and local, regional and state medical communities. It is expected/desired that the Physician Assistant Studies Chair/Director will spend roughly 20% of his/her time engaged in clinical practice or scholarly activities.
The position is a 12-month, administrative faculty appointment, open track, with faculty rank being commensurate with educational attainment and experience.

Physician Assistant candidates must be a certified Physician Assistant (PA-C) with current NCCPA certification, plus a current license or eligibility as a physician assistant in the State of Alabama. A master's degree is required. An earned doctorate in a related field is preferred.
Preference will be given to applicants with experience in an academic setting; a track record of teaching excellence; scholarly productivity; success in leadership roles; and five or more years of clinical experience.

The Physician Assistant program at the University of South Alabama has been nationally accredited since 1996 with a strong history of student academic success and employment post-graduation. Student learning is supported by access to a human cadaver laboratory, collaborative interprofessional education opportunities, advanced instructional software applications, as well as the exceptional USA Health Simulation program located in an adjoining building within the health-focused corner of the beautiful University of South Alabama campus. Faculty within the PA program have fully integrated the Health Simulation resources into student learning and assessment to create practical and efficient means of enhancing the student experience.

The University of South Alabama was founded in 1963 and is located in historic Mobile, Alabama, on the Gulf Coast, between New Orleans and the Florida panhandle. Mobile is recognized as a vibrant business, cultural, and recreational hub, close to the white sand beaches of the Gulf of Mexico. The University is a public institution with the research university/high research activity Carnegie classification, and enrolls more than 13,000 students in nine colleges and schools. https://www.southalabama.edu/aboutusa/

A complete application should include the following:

1. A letter of interest
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Statement of leadership philosophy and research interests;
4. Three professional references with contact information, title, institutional affiliation, email address and direct phone numbers. (No references will be contacted without written permission from the candidate.)

Application review will begin as soon as possible and will continue until the position is filled. Please send application materials to:

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