



PEPPERDINE
College of Health Science

Dean,
Physician Assistant Studies



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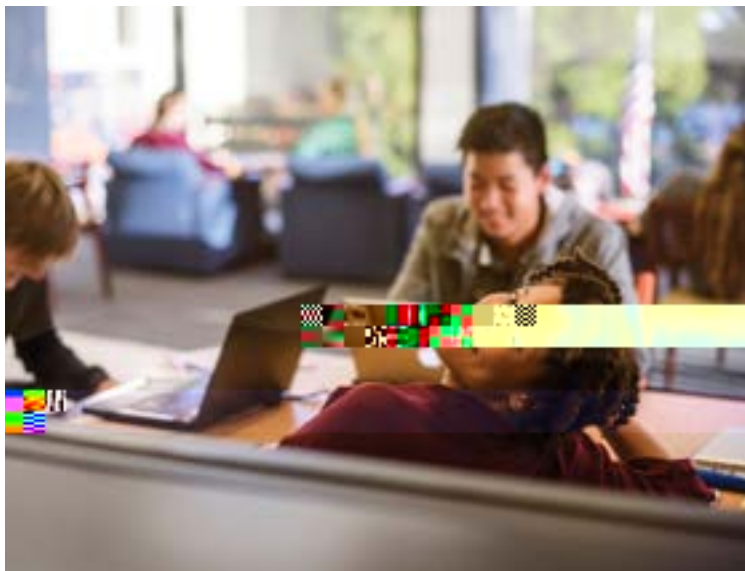
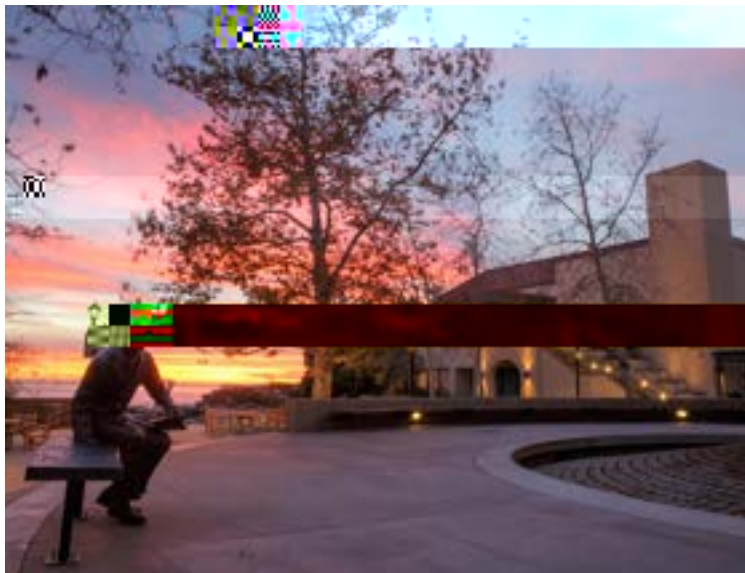


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Pepperdine University seeks an experienced and visionary leader to serve as the inaugural Dean of its School of Physician Assistant Studies and invites nominations, expressions of interest, and applications.

Pepperdine plans for the School of Physician Assistant Studies (SPAS) to begin operations in August 2027 within its CHS. Aligned with the [mission and vision of Pepperdine University](#)





In addition to their responsibilities to the SPAS, the dean will be expected to work positively and collaboratively with the CHS dean and the deans of other academic units within the college to advance the success of the CHS.

Through their leadership and a commitment to communication, openness, and humility, the dean of the SPAS will be expected to create a professional and collegial community devoted to the integration of Christian faith and learning in the development of highly qualified Physician Assistant graduates. Through their leadership, the dean will also be expected to achieve the following outcomes:

- Fostering a sense of belonging within the SPAS so that all of its constituents are valued and respected.
- Cultivating an abiding commitment to professionalism, community, and unity among all faculty and staff.
- Demonstrating a thoughtful and caring but direct approach to issues involving conflict.
- Supporting and encouraging professional development for all faculty and staff.
- Establishing a professional environment that provides support, opportunity, and encouragement to all staff and faculty while appropriately balancing the needs of the college and University alongside those of the SPAS.



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Pepperdine seeks candidates for the dean of the SPAS who have demonstrated a commitment to Physician Assistant Studies education.

Required qualifications for the position are:

- The individual must be a currently licensed physician assistant by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA).
- Three or more years of full-time experience in higher education.
- A master's or doctoral degree in Physician Assistant Studies or a related healthcare field.
- Significant administrative and leadership experience by exhibiting responsiveness to personnel issues, strong communication skills, and proactive problem solving.
- Comprehensive knowledge of ARC-PA standards and policies.
- A record of exceptional performance and leadership in a physician assistant program.
- A record of distinguished teaching, scholarship, and publication.

- Credentials that merit appointment at the rank of associate/full tenured professor or associate/full clinical professor in Physician Assistant Studies.
- The ability to be approved as the Program Director by ARC-PA.

Preference will be granted to individuals who also have the following qualifications.

- Successful experience developing and launching a physician assistant studies program is a highly desired attribute in all applicants.
- Individuals with a terminal doctoral degree (Ph.D., Ed.D., Sc.D., or equivalent).
- Five or more years of successful and progressive leadership and academic administration in a department/school of Physician Assistant Studies at the level of assistant dean, assistant director, or higher.
- A demonstrated ability to develop and maintain strong working relationships with healthcare partners.
- Successful experience with ARC-PA, educational accreditors, and state regulatory and licensing bodies.
- A clear understanding and demonstrated experience with technology and its use to enrich both academic and clinical education.

The inaugural dean of the SPAS will possess the following personal attributes:

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