

Clinical Assistant Professor or Clinical Associate Professor in the Physician Assistant Studies Program
College of Health Professions
Department of Health Sciences

Position:

The College of Health Professions at Towson University invites applications for both Part-Time and Full-Time positions as Clinical Assistant Professor or Clinical Associate Professor in the Physician Assistant Studies Program in the Department of Health Sciences beginning August 2022. Salary is competitive based on academic credentials and practice or teaching experience.

Qualifications:

- A minimum of an accredited master's degree in Physician Assistant studies with NCCPA certification and eligibility for licensure in the state of Maryland by time of appointment, or an MD, Doctor of Medical Sciences or closely related degree may be considered with evidence of strong engagement with Physician Assistants, and experience and/or a desire to teach medical science subjects. These may include such courses as Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, General Surgery, Internal medicine, Gross Anatomy, Physical Diagnosis and related courses.
- A minimum of two years of clinical or professional experience.
- Ability to teach a range of Physician Assistant related courses.
- Excellent professional, written, oral, and conceptual skills.
- Commitment to working with a diverse faculty, students, and staff and to cultivate and strengthen a diverse and inclusive healthcare workforce.
- Candidates wishing to be considered for the rank of clinical associate professor should have 6 years of teaching experience or comparable qualifications.

Responsibilities:

Primary responsibilities include: 1) TEACHING – provide high quality instruction in a variety of Physician Assistant related courses and advise and mentor students as they matriculate through the program; 2) SCHOLARSHIP –develop/continue a range of professional development and/or continuing education in teaching and practice, honing activities to enhance PA professionalism, and high quality instruction. Candidates are also encouraged to pursue more traditional scholarship that includes professional or refereed publications, professional presentations, and involvement in scholarly projects with both peers and students; 3) SERVICE – active service participation at the Department, College, University, Profession and community levels. Leadership opportunities (with compensatory course releases) may be available for those with clinical preceptor experience, site recruitment experience; or experience in program assessment that supports accreditation and program quality assurance processes.

Department and Program Information:

The Physician Assistant Studies Program is co-located within the Dean's Office and Department of Health Sciences, one of the five academic departments in the Towson University College of Health Professions. One of the oldest in the country, the program has an Accreditation-Probation status. In addition to the Program Director, the program has full-time faculty positions and part-

time faculty positions. The program is 26 months long and enrolls up to 36 students in June for the next cohort.

At its **September 2021** meeting, the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) placed the **Towson University CCBC Essex Physician Assistant Program** sponsored by Towson University on **Accreditation-Probation** status until its next review in **September 2023**.

Probation accreditation is a temporary accreditation status initially of not less than two years. However, that period may be extended by the ARC-PA for up to an additional two years if the ARC-PA finds that the program is making substantial progress toward meeting all applicable standards but requires additional time to come into full compliance. Probation accreditation status is granted, at the sole discretion of the ARC-PA, when a program holding an accreditation status of Accreditation - Provisional or Accreditation - Continued does not, in the judgment of the ARC-PA, meet the Standards or when the capability of the program to provide an acceptable educational experience for its students is threatened. Once placed on probation, a program that fails to comply with accreditation requirements in a timely manner, as specified by the ARC-PA, may be scheduled for a focused site visit and is subject to having its accreditation withdrawn.

Specific questions regarding the Program and its plans should be directed to the Program Director and/or the appropriate institutional official(s).

The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at <http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-towson-university-ccbc/>

Towson University:

Towson University was founded in 1866, is recognized by U. S. News and World Reports as one of the top public universities in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions, is Baltimore's largest university, and is the largest public, comprehensive institution in the University of Maryland System. TU enrolls almost 19,000 undergraduates and over 3,000 graduate students across six academic colleges (business, education, fine arts, health professions, liberal arts, science & mathematics), has over 865 full-time faculty, and offers more than 65 bachelor's, 45 master's, and 5 doctoral programs. Our centrally located campus sits on 330 rolling green acres and is 10 miles north of Baltimore, 45 miles north of Washington D.C., and 95 miles south of Philadelphia.

Application Process:

Review of applications begins immediately and continues until the position is filled. Preliminary interviews will be conducted immediately via phone or Zoom. The second interview will follow shortly thereafter with an in-person interview with key faculty members within the department and the College of Health Professions. This position is being filled under the "in lieu of" option which facilitates a more expeditious hiring process. For full consideration, a Curriculum Vitae, cover letter and transcripts should be emailed to pasearch@towson.edu. Someone from the program faculty will contact you within 24 hours after receipt of your email containing your CV and cover letter.

A Criminal Background Investigation is required for the hired candidate and the results may impact employment.

Please be sure to visit the [Applicant Data Form](#) to complete a voluntary on-line applicant data form. The information you provide will inform the university's affirmative action plan and is for statistical-related purposes only. The information will not be used for any other purpose.

Towson University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and has a strong institutional commitment to diversity, as detailed in A More Inclusive TU: Advancing Equity and Diversity (2020 – 25). TU is a national leader in inclusive excellence, the only institution in Maryland with zero achievement gap, and 68% growth in minority enrollment over the past 5 years. We encourage application from a variety of (dis)abilities, cultural, ethnic, race, sex, gender identity/expression, national origin, age, veteran status, color, religious, socio-economic, sexual orientation and belief backgrounds.