



CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Wake Forest School of Medicine is seeking a national leader as our new Chair of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies. This is a unique opportunity to lead one of the top departments of its kind in the nation and build on prior success, leveraging the talents of a diverse group of faculty, staff and students as the medical school and health system enter into a period of unprecedented growth.

Reporting to the Dean of Wake Forest School of Medicine 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.

The Department of PA Studies is comprised of two campuses with a total of 88 students and has a planned site visit for the ARC-PA accreditation in June 2022. The PA Program curriculum is founded upon an inquiry based, small group, self-directed learning model based on real patient medical problems providing learners with increasing responsibility for their own education.

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.

About Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist

Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist is a nationally recognized academic health system in Winston-Salem, NC, with an integrated enterprise serving 24 counties in NC and 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.

This is a time of tremendous growth for our system. In 2020, Wake Forest Baptist Health and Atrium Health officially joined together as a single enterprise. Headquartered in Charlotte, NC, Atrium Health is an integrated, not-for-profit health care system with 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. The growth of the medical school will expand existing academic research capabilities and opportunities for population health and clinical trials across a large, diverse market.

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Located in Forsyth County (population ≈376,000) in the Piedmont Triad region of NC, Winston-Salem is the state's fifth largest city, featuring a moderate climate with all four seasons and housing costs ≈30% below the national average. Residents enjoy a vibrant restaurant scene, a wide variety of indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities, strong public/private schools, enthusiastic support for the arts, and close proximity to the Appalachian Mountains and Atlantic Coast beaches.

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A comprehensive position description is available upon request.

Wake Forest School of Medicine and Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist are Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employers with a strong commitment to achieving diversity among faculty and staff.

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