

**Founding Program Director, Physician Assistant Program
Southern California College of Optometry • Fullerton, CA**

The Southern California College of Optometry is seeking qualified applicants to serve as the Founding Program Director to initiate the development and implementation of the Physician Assistant (PA) Program at the Southern California College of Optometry. This is a wonderful opportunity for one who is seeking a leadership role in the creation of one of the first PA programs in Orange County, a very desirable location in Southern California. The Director will work in close partnership with the executive leadership at SCCO to develop the vision, structure, systems, and processes which support the strategic goals for this Masters level academic program.

Position Responsibilities:

1. Lead the development/creation of the Physician Assistant Program to begin in the Fall, 2014
2. Responsibility for leadership within the program, its faculty and its students
3. Faculty development and recruitment
4. Recruitment of clinical sites
5. Represent the department to the College, and is the face of the program to outside organizations
6. Serve on College committees and workgroups, and participate in community service with other members of the Department and College.
7. Lead the Department through the accreditation process with the ARC-PA, as well as to participate in accreditation of the College through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges
8. Teaching and scholarly activity

Position Qualifications:

1. NCCPA certified PA or California licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician with certification by an ABMS or AOA-Approved specialty board
2. A Master's degree, with a doctorate preferred
3. Management/administration experience in an educational setting, particularly medical or PA education, is highly desirable
4. Prior evidence of creativity and leadership in working within an established PA Program
5. Evidence of scholarship or successful personal experience in research

Application: Qualified candidates for this position are requested to submit a curriculum vitae, along with a cover letter conveying their interest and why they would be an excellent candidate. Please include three references along with your CV and cover letter to:

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