Department: Physician Assistant Program

G.A. Position: Cadaver Lab Assistant

Supervisor: Alison N. Wix, MPA, PA–C

Job Description – Present a one paragraph description of the purpose for this position.
Slippery Rock University Physician Assistant (PA) Program is looking for two half-time GAs who can assist the cadaver lab instructor(s). This position will start in the fall of 2017. Students enrolled in the PA program will earn a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS) degree. The program is currently housed within the Department of Biology. A fact sheet about the program can be found at www.sru.edu/PA.

Job Functions/Responsibilities – List the duties this graduate assistant will be expected to perform.
Assist with acquisition/receipt of new cadavers
Assist with removal of cadavers
Inventory lab equipment/supplies
  – Harvest cadaveric material for teaching/research purposes
Help supervise students in lab cleaning duties and proper lab protocol and safety
  – Assist students in locating various anatomical structures on human cadavers
  – Provide lab lecture input
  – Help set up and tear down practical examinations
  – Other duties as needed
Become well-versed in what a PA is and does
Be a friendly face for this new and exciting program
  – Promote the program, both on and off campus

Desired Qualifications – Solid core knowledge of anatomy
  List the experiences and/or abilities you wish an applicant for this position to have.
  – Taken and passed PT 630 (Gross Anatomy I) and PT 635 (Gross Anatomy II)
  – Possess superior dissection skills as demonstrated in the above courses
Excellent people skills
Excellent leadership skills
Excellent organizational and time-management skills
Excellent communication skills with regard to a varied population (age, sex,
cultural background)
Ability to interact with Health Professionals
Creative and independent thinker
Knowledge of what a Physician Assistant is and does
Knowledge of PA education
Professionalism

Graduate Student Outcomes – List the skills/abilities the graduate assistant can expect to learn in this position.

A further, deepened understanding of human functional anatomy and pathophysiology
Enhanced people, leadership, communication, organization, multitasking and time–management skills
Growth in creativity and ability to work independently
Potential to hone research skills and scholarly growth
In–depth understanding of Physician Assistant education, as well as the profession
Professionalism development
The beginnings of how to design an educational experience that focuses on human anatomy and pathophysiology

Appropriate SRU Graduate Majors – List the SRU graduate programs that would be the most appropriate source of candidates for this position based on the job description and the expected learning experiences.

Physical Therapy
Physician Assistant

Supervisor’s Expectations – List the work expectations you, as the supervisor, have for this position. Include hours to be worked and preferred work schedule.

A very high level of professionalism is required for this position, which includes appropriate
communication skills, attire, attitude and etiquette. Confidentiality of student records, as well as program conversations and written correspondences, must be maintained at all times.

The position is for two a half-time Graduate Assistant position. A tentative schedule will be determined at the start of each semester for each assistant. The PA program will work around the GA class schedule, but will require a commitment from the GA to provide hours in a timely fashion to meet the demands of the program. If the GA does work during finals week, the GA will be required to work on average 8.75 hours per week. If the GA does NOT work during finals week, the GA will be required to work on average 9.375 hours per week. The GA will be required to work 131.25 hours for the semester. It is expected the GA will report to work on time. If the GA is unable to report to work as scheduled, proper prior notification will be required. Questions can be forwarded to Alison.wix@sru.edu.

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