G.A. POSITION (April 2016):
Physician Assistant Program, Cadaver Lab Assistant x 2

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JOB DESCRIPTION:
Slippery Rock University is preparing to launch its new Physician Assistant (PA) Program this May. Students enrolled in the program will earn a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS) degree. The program is temporarily housed within the Biology Department until it is able to become its own department. The 2016-2017 year will be a busy, but exciting, year! A fact sheet about the program can be found at www.sru.edu/PA. The PA Program is looking for two GAs who can assist the cadaver lab instructor(s).

JOB FUNCTIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES:
- 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
- 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
• 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

SUPERVISOR’S EXPECTATIONS:
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.

This is a half-time Graduate Assistant position. A tentative schedule will be determined at the start of each semester. 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 scott.massey@sr.edu.