

Department Chair & Program Director
Physician Assistant Studies
University of South Alabama

The University of South Alabama invites applications for the position of Department Chair and Program Director of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies. The preferred start date is October 1, 2016, although a start date of January 1, 2017 is available. Successful candidates must show evidence of commitment to excellence in teaching, clinical education, and scholarship. The Department Chair is expected to provide effective leadership and management to the Department as well as provide a strategic vision for the PA program. Responsibilities include departmental administration, overseeing the accreditation process and compliance with professional organization requirements, teaching, scholarly productivity, university/community service, and maintenance of a positive relationship with the local, regional, and state medical communities.

Located in Mobile near the Mobile Bay Estuary and the Alabama Gulf coast with its beautiful white-sand beaches, the University of South Alabama is a public, doctoral-level institution enrolling more than 16,000 students in nine colleges and schools. Founded in 1963, it seeks to establish itself as a premier academic institution in the southeastern United States. With its Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, and Allied Health Professions and two teaching hospitals, it also serves as a health services center for the region. Mobile is the center of a growing, two-county, metropolitan area (~600,000 residents) with a diverse economy.

Qualifications: Both PA and physician candidates will be considered. Preference will be given to applicants with experience in the academic setting with a track record of teaching excellence and leadership responsibilities. Additionally, preference will be given to applicants with a minimum of 5 years of clinical experience. PA candidates must be a certified Physician Assistant (PA-C) with current NCCPA certification and current license or eligibility as a physician assistant in the State of Alabama. A master's degree from an ARC-PA accredited program is required. An earned doctorate in a related field is preferred. Physician candidates must be state licensed (or license eligible) as an allopathic or osteopathic physician. The position is tenure-track with faculty rank being commensurate with background and experience.

Review of applications will begin on September 1, 2016 and will continue until the position is filled. Please apply electronically at the following link <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/usouthal/jobs/1494722/chair-and-assoc-prof> and be prepared to attach a cover letter of interest, a current curriculum vitae, and the names of three references. For inquiries please contact Dr. Susan Gordon-Hickey, Chair, PA Search Committee, University of South Alabama at gordonhickey@southalabama.edu or 251-445-9250.

For more information about the department, please visit its website at:

<http://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/alliedhealth/pa/>

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