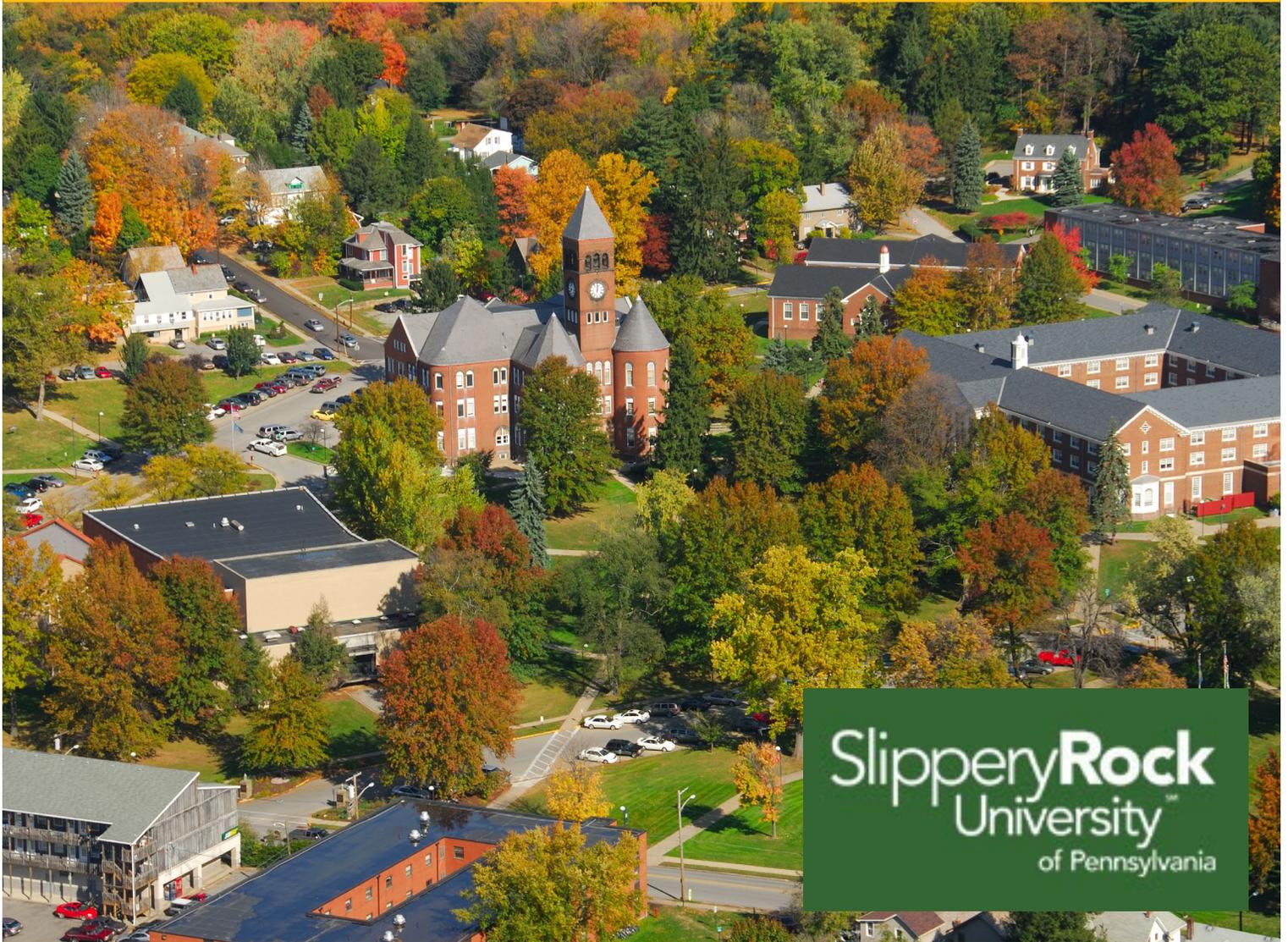


An Opportunity for the  
**Program Director, Physician Assistant Program**  
at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania



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## Program Director, Physician Assistant Program Executive Search



Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania invites applications for the position of **Program Director of the Physician Assistant Program**. The University seeks a dynamic and visionary program leader with a passion for teaching excellence, learning, and innovation who will be responsible for planning, developing, and overseeing a Master's degree in Physician Assistant studies that meets the needs of the Commonwealth and the profession.

### The Opportunity

Slippery Rock University's Physician Assistant Program readies students to examine patients, diagnose injuries and illnesses, and provide treatment under the supervision of a doctor or surgeon. The program received provisional accreditation from the Accreditation Review Commission for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) in March 2016 with

its next ARC-PA review scheduled in February 2018.

Part of the College of Health, Environment and Sciences, the 24-month Physician Assistant Program accepts 52 students per class annually. The program is located in Harrisville, Pennsylvania, seven miles from the main campus.

The facility has 13 state-of-the-art labs and equipment that simulates real-time

patient care, including an interactive mannequin that produces mock vital signs. Four exam rooms include cameras for professors to monitor student progress.

As the leader of the Physician Assistant program, the Program Director is responsible for the organization, administration, fiscal management, continuous review and analysis, planning, development, and participation in the accreditation process of the Physician Assistant Program. These responsibilities include identifying appropriate clinical sites, maintaining accreditation standards, supervising the medical directors, principal and instructional faculty and staff in all activities that directly relate to the Physician Assistant Program, and providing effective leadership and management to all aspects of the program for daily operation.

Program Director will be a strategic thinker who is supportive of a college culture grounded on collaboration and team-oriented leadership. This is a tenure track faculty position.

### Qualifications

Applicants must be a Physician Assistant (PA-C) or a Physician (MD/DO).

*Physician Assistant applicants* must hold a Master's degree in Physician Assistant studies from an ARC-PA accredited program, with a doctorate in

### *Mission Statement*

The fundamental educational mission of Slippery Rock University (SRU) is to transform the intellectual, social, physical, and leadership capacities of students in order to prepare them for life and career success. Complementary missions are to engage in scholarly activity and professional service.

SRU is committed to serving a diverse student body and empowering anyone regionally, nationally, and internationally who can benefit from its programs and lifelong learning opportunities. Thereby SRU addresses the educationally related economic, health, environmental, social, cultural, and recreational needs of the communities served by the University.

In pursuit of SRU's educational purpose, talented faculty and staff provide creative integrated curricula and experiences that are connected to the world in which graduates will work and live. Students are taught using powerful and engaging pedagogies in appropriate learning spaces employing state-of-the-art technology. They study in an open, caring, nurturing, and friendly environment, and live in a safe community with access to high-quality student services. SRU strives to be a best-value institution with an affordable cost and substantial student financial support.

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related field preferred. Also required are five years of experience as a physician assistant in a clinical practice setting, two years of experience as faculty in a Physician Assistant Master's program, hold current NCCPA certification, and hold or be eligible for licensure in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

*Physician applicants* should have experience in leadership, management, and Physician Assistant education. An MD/DO candidate must hold or be eligible for licensure as an allopathic or osteopathic physician in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with certification from an ABMS or AOA approved specialty board.

Other requirements include:

- Experience with ARC-PA accreditation
- Managerial and leadership experience
- Knowledge and abilities regarding program organization and administration
- Knowledge and abilities regarding fiscal management
- Knowledge and abilities regarding continuous review and analysis, planning, development, and participation in accreditation processes

Preference will be given to candidates



who have experience in as many of the following areas as possible:

- Prior program director
- Additional years in a PA program beyond the minimum requirements
- Strategic planning and budgeting
- Resource allocation and assessment planning
- Technology integration into the educational experience and online learning
- Working with traditional and non-traditional aged students
- Supervision of staff
- An interest in developing a focus on primary care and special needs populations

Candidates must successfully complete an on-campus interview and teaching demonstration.

### Slippy Rock University of Pennsylvania

Founded in 1889 as Slippy Rock State Normal School, the institution was purchased by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and became a four-year teachers' college in 1926. Slippy Rock State College was established in 1960 and, for the first time, could award undergraduate and graduate degrees in the liberal arts and in the professions. It was granted university status in 1983.

Today, Slippy Rock University is a comprehensive regional public university offering 95 degree programs

### *Selected List of Recognitions for SRU*

- A Great College to Work For – **Chronicle of Higher Education** (*six times*)
- One of the top 100 regional universities in the North – **U.S. News and World Report** (2016)
- One of the best universities in the Northeast – **Princeton Review**
- National, Regional and Public College of Distinction – **Colleges of Distinction** (2016-2017)
- Among the best colleges and universities nationwide – **Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education College Rankings**
- Among the top universities nationally for providing a “best educational experience” – **Buffalo Business First**
- A national “Green Ribbon School” – **U.S. Department of Education**
- A military friendly university – **Victory Media**
- One of the top 125 Green Universities in America – **Sierra Club Magazine**



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(65 bachelor's, 27 master's and 3 doctoral). The University is firmly rooted in its normal school heritage and characterized by a commitment to advancing students' intellectual development and commitment to civic responsibility.

The University has two additional locations, one at the Regional Learning Alliance, an educational center near Pittsburgh, and the second at the Harrisville Building, a health education facility in nearby Harrisville.

As of fall 2016, enrollment was 8,881 students, the largest in the institution's history. The 7,664 undergraduates and 1,217 graduate students study in four colleges: the College of Business; the College of Education; the College of Health, Environment and Science; and the College of Liberal Arts.

The average SAT for freshmen was 1,001 and average high school GPA was 3.46. Freshmen-to-sophomore-year retention is 82.6 percent; the graduation rate in four years is 49.8 percent and graduation in six years is 68.3 percent. The current student population draws from 44 states and 33 foreign countries and is 12.5 percent non-majority.

The University has 451 faculty members, of which 330 are full-time tenured/tenure track. Ninety-five percent of the tenured/tenure track faculty have terminal degrees.

Because of its strong financial position, growing enrollment, and commitment to providing a "Rock Solid" education, the university has won accolades from a wide range of national publications. Among these recognitions are a rising rank in *U.S. News & World Report*, a listing in the 2016 *Princeton Review*, a rating as "A Best Value Institution" by *Money* magazine, and recognition in the Top 50 of "America's Best Small Town Colleges."

### Slippery Rock, Penn.

Slippery Rock University's beautiful 650-acre campus is located in the rolling hills of western Pennsylvania, less than an



hour north of Pittsburgh, in the borough of Slippery Rock, a friendly community of approximately 3,000 people. Slippery

Rock has been ranked among the 30 safest college towns in America by *SafeWise*.

### Application Process

Confidential inquiries are welcomed and nominations are invited.

- I. **Apply to Myers McRae:** Application materials should include:
  - a) Cover letter addressing how the candidate's experience matches the position requirements
  - b) Current curriculum vitae
  - c) Contact information for at least five references, including email addresses (References are not contacted without candidate's permission.)
- II. **Submit application materials to [SlipperyRock@myersmcr.com](mailto:SlipperyRock@myersmcr.com).**
- III. **Apply to Slippery Rock University at <https://careers.sru.edu/postings/4294>.** Submission instructions are provided online.
- IV. **Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.**

**Submit nominations**, including contact information and email for the individual being nominated, to [SlipperyRock-Nominate@myersmcr.com](mailto:SlipperyRock-Nominate@myersmcr.com).

**Jim Dawson**, Senior Vice President, and **Emily Parker Myers**, CEO, of **Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting**, are assisting the university with this search.



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