



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

College of Health  
and Human Services

**Faculty Specialist I/II – Professional Specialist  
Director of Clinical Education  
Department of Physician Assistant**

Western Michigan University invites applications and nominations for a Faculty Specialist I/II – Clinical Specialist to serve as the Director of Clinical Education in the Department of Physician Assistant. This is a tenure-track, fiscal-year, 12-month appointment. This position directs and oversees all aspects of the clinical education of physician assistant students, including representing the WMU Physician Assistant program in the medical community in order to facilitate the development of clinical rotations for PA students. Expected start date is January 2018, or as soon thereafter as selected finalist is available.

**Major Responsibilities:**

- Assist with the designing, coordinating and evaluation of the clinical curriculum of the PA program.
- Work with the Program Director, college administration and WMU administration on the development of clinical rotation sites.
- Develop relationships with WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, local hospitals, and other local and statewide health organizations to facilitate rotation development.
- Strengthen and expand current clinical sites
- Work with the Clinical Rotation Coordinator to ensure adequate and appropriate placements and experiences for second-year students.
- Strengthen, expand and oversee first-year clinical experiences.
- Develop service learning opportunities for first-year students.
- Coordinate simulations and Interprofessional Education experiences for first- and second-year students.
- Coordinate back-to-campus activities for second-year students.
- Develop curriculum for and coordinate back-to-campus clinical issues seminars for second-year students.
- Teach in areas of expertise.
- Evaluate clinical skills of second-year students by developing, administering and grading appropriate assessments and assignments periodically (including H&Ps, SOAP notes, OSCEs, skills testing and a summative evaluation prior to graduation).
- Coordinate, grade and monitor end-of-rotation exams for second-year students.
- Serve as an academic advisor for second-year students.
- Provide academic counseling and remediation for second-year students as needed.
- Assist with accreditation requirements and processes.
- Assist with the admission process, including applicant reviews and interviews.
- Serve on program committees as directed by the Program Director.
- Maintain records of professional activity and faculty development.
- Service to the department, the university, the profession, and the community
- Contributing to an interdisciplinary environment of instruction, and community collaborations
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Program Director

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Certified Physician Assistant; must maintain licensure and NCCPA certification
- Master's degree in a health related or educational field; may include but is not limited to a master's degree in physician assistant.
- Experience in higher education

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Two years of clinical experience as a practicing, licensed Physician Assistant
- Clinical site coordinating experience.
- Teaching in a Physician Assistant program.
- Ph.D. in a health related or educational field.

**The University:** Western Michigan University, a learner centered, discovery driven and globally engaged public research university, enrolls more than 23,000 students from 100 nations around the globe. WMU has been designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as one of just 147 public institutions in the nation with high or very high research activity.

**The College:** The College of Health and Human Services is located in a new 195,000 square foot building with state-of-the-art teaching technologies and spacious research laboratories. The college enrolls nearly 3,000 students, with more than a third of those at the graduate level. In addition to physician assistant, the college includes programs in blindness and low vision studies, nursing, occupational therapy, social work, speech, language and hearing sciences, holistic health care, alcohol and drug abuse, interdisciplinary health services, public health, and a Ph.D. in interdisciplinary health sciences. In addition, the college expects to offer a doctor of physical therapy beginning in 2019. The college has received a number of grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the Department of Education. The college also operates the Unified Clinics, a multidisciplinary service/training clinic. Learn more about our growing college at <http://www.wmich.edu/hhs>. **The College of Health and Human Services—Preparing professionals today. Transforming health and human services tomorrow.**

**Department/School:** The Physician Assistant Department offers graduate students preparation to become a generalist physician assistant. Founded in 1972, it is one of the original programs in the state. The PA program has alumni providing services throughout the United States and many of them have become leaders in the field. The program is very competitive with more than 700 applicants per year for 36 to 40 positions.

**Salary:** Competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience, with an excellent benefits package.

**Expected Start Date:** January 2018, or as soon thereafter as selected finalist is available.

**Application Deadline:** Review of applications will begin January 2, 2018 and continue until position is filled.

**Required application documents:** A current CV or resume; the names, titles, postal and email addresses, and telephone numbers of three references; and a letter describing qualifications, accomplishments, and professional experiences related to the position.

**Applicants should search for posting number 0604261 on [wmujobs.org](http://wmujobs.org).**

**WMU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Minorities, women, veterans, individuals with disabilities and all other qualified individuals are encouraged to apply.**

If you have any questions about this position please contact David Areaux, Chair of the Search Committee at [david.areaux@wmich.edu](mailto:david.areaux@wmich.edu) or Denise Bowen, Interim Program Director and Chair at [denise.bowen@wmich.edu](mailto:denise.bowen@wmich.edu).