

Milligan to host PA info session on August 4

MILLIGAN COLLEGE, Tenn. (July 14, 2016) — Students interested in becoming a physician assistant can learn more about Milligan College's new Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (M.S.P.A.S.) program on Thursday, August 4, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Milligan's Gregory Center.

Launching in 2017, Milligan's M.S.P.A.S. program will be a 28-month, 108 credit hour program projected to have 60 students when fully-enrolled, 25 graduates annually, filling a much-needed gap in healthcare employment regionally and nationally. Learn more at www.milligan.edu/pa. Applications for enrollment are due by October 1.

Prospective students will have the opportunity to meet the college's new PA faculty as well as the program's director, Andrew Hull, who will give a presentation about the program and lead a Q-and-A. A 2001 graduate of Milligan, Hull currently is a certified physician assistant at Tri-Cities Skin and Cancer in Johnson City. He has a wide range of medical experience working locally as a physician assistant in areas including dermatology, family practice and emergency room medicine. Hull served on Milligan's physician assistant feasibility study committee and was involved with program development.

"This event is the perfect opportunity for students to learn more about the new physician assistant program at Milligan," said Jennifer Duran, admissions recruiter for healthcare programs. "The PA program is an exciting addition to our graduate and professional programs, and students will get quality time to interact with the program's new faculty at this info session."

A financial investment from Mountain States has established the Mountain States Health Alliance Physician Assistant Center, which will be housed in Milligan's B. D. Phillips Building. On top of brand-new facilities, recent renovations to the college's Science Building and expansions to its gross anatomy lab, coupled with its close proximity to Johnson City Medical Center, a reputable tertiary teaching hospital, set the college's physician assistant program apart from many existing programs.

The Milligan College Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies has applied for Accreditation-Provisional from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). The Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program anticipates matriculating its first class in May 2017, pending achieving Accreditation-Provisional status at the March 2017 ARC-PA meeting. Accreditation-Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program's ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards or when a program holding accreditation-provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the Standards as it prepares

for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students. For more information, visit www.arc-pa.org.

The program also is seeking accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

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