



Recruitment for a Physician Associate senior examiner

As Professor Jim Parle nears the end of his successful term as the Physician Associate senior examiner, the RCP is looking to recruit a new PA senior examiner to continue Professor Parle's good work.

The appointment comes on the eve of an exciting year for the PA national examination as we prepare for the upcoming regulation of the Physician Associate profession by the GMC and the completion of the new, state of the art, clinical assessment suite at RCP at the Spine, based in Liverpool.

The PA senior examiner will work alongside the RCP Assessment Unit, based at RCP North in Liverpool, to provide clinical insight and leadership in relation to the conduct of the PA national examination, ensuring that the examination remains relevant and robust.

The key responsibilities of the post holder will be:

- Chairing the PA Examining Board;
- Ensuring the PA national examination is conducted fairly and in line with RCP procedures;
- Supporting the written and clinical exam leads in the production of exam materials and the recruitment, training and management of examiners;
- Representing the PA Examining Board on relevant groups and committees.

Applicants should be:

- be a physician associate, doctor, nurse or allied health professional¹;
- have a minimum of four years' post registration clinical practice experience;
- be registered with a professional body and be in good standing (or regulatory equivalent in country of practice);
- be up to date with equality and diversity training and appraisal process;
- have been actively engaged in the training of Physician Associates within the last two years, and to be up to date as appropriate with National Guidelines;
- have experience of PA examining and/or PA national examination Board/committee membership

The ideal candidate will meet the criteria above and will be passionate about the development of the PA profession and the development of academic standards. They will engage effectively with clinician colleagues and Assessment Unit staff alike to consolidate and strengthen the PA national examination and will demonstrate a clear understanding of the examination standards and future direction of the PA national examination.

The RCP are committed to supporting and developing our senior clinicians throughout their terms. The PA Senior Examiner will have access to a full training package and mentoring support from a number of senior

¹ If applicants are not physician associates they should have experience of the PA role; either as a PA supervisor, significant involvement in a PA university programme or significant 'on the ground' experience working with PAs. Evidence of this will be assessed as part of the recruitment process



clinicians in the College, all of whom have extensive experience of postgraduate medical assessment and chairing assessment boards and committees.

Applicants should forward a short CV (2 pages) and covering letter for the attention of Jane Ratford to Assessment.Unit@rcplondon.ac.uk by **midnight on 25 January 2021**.

For further information about the post please contact Jane Ratford at Jane.Ratford@rcplondon.ac.uk.

Interviews will take place in the week commencing **1 February 2021**, via Microsoft Teams. The interview panel will consist of Dr Emma Vaux, Assessment Unit Chief Examiner, Kate Straughton, FPA President and Jane Ratford, Head of the Assessment Unit.

Following appointment, it is anticipated that there will be a full handover with Professor Parle, and full duties will not be assumed until after the PA Exam Board has signed off results for the January 2021 examination in April 2021.