

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
Chicago, Illinois

Position Specifications Vice President for Online and Blended Learning

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THE OPPORTUNITY

Overview:

Founded in 1979, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (TCSPP) is an independent professional graduate school with a dynamic student body and a professionally accomplished faculty. TCSPP's curriculum and training opportunities prepare graduates to deliver outstanding professional services emphasizing the ability to understand and work with diverse populations. TCSPP offers multiple doctoral, specialist, master, and certificate programs at its campuses in Chicago, California, Washington, DC, as well as online. The School is committed to the values of Innovation, Education, Service, and Community, with a strong history of understanding diverse peoples and perspectives. The Chicago School is the nation's largest graduate school focused exclusively on psychology and related behavioral sciences. As a professional school, TCSPP's focus is not strictly on research and theory, but on preparing students to become outstanding practitioners, providing direct service to help individuals and organizations thrive. See www.thechicagoschool.edu.

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology is an affiliate of TCS Education System, one of the largest nonprofit education systems of its kind in the United States, with annual revenues that exceed \$100M. Other TCS-ES affiliates include Pacific Oaks College, the Santa Barbara & Ventura Colleges of Law, and Garfield Park Preparatory Academy. See www.tcsedsystem.edu.

Location:

Chicago, IL

The Position:

The Vice President for Online and Blended Learning is responsible for leading and supporting the faculty and academic staff in the delivery of online instruction that meets The Chicago School of Professional Psychology's goals for academic excellence in tandem with the program expansion and enrollment goals. The Vice President is responsible for contributing to the development of sound academic policies and processes that support the academic goals of TCSPP. The Vice President reports to the President and works closely with the National Vice President of Academic Affairs and the system-wide Sr. Vice President of Business Operations.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Lead the strategic academic planning process for the Online Programs by working with operations, chairs, faculty, major committees and governance groups to assure the delivery of high quality, effective academic programs that meet the desired fiscal, operational, and quality goals.
- Encourage and reward the development of innovative new programming, both locally and nationally. Collaborate with the system level marketing and admissions functions to enhance the recruitment of top caliber students.
- Assure the academic quality, integrity, and continuous improvement of campus curricular content and instructional delivery through TCS' program review processes and faculty

development and supervision processes. Assure that academic programming and processes meet or exceed the minimum standardized structures and content established by TCS.

- Ensure program and institutional compliance with criteria for professional accreditation and state certification.
- Act as the conduit between the system and TCSPP for all issues involving online/blended programming.
- Oversee the preparation of sound annual budgets for the academic departments and assure compliance with these budgets. Allocate academic resources to best support the academic goals of the campus.
- Recruit and retain diverse and qualified faculty and staff. Train, encourage, and support faculty in best practices for online instruction and delivery. Promote faculty development and scholarship.
- Implement faculty governance structures and establish regular communications with the leadership of Faculty Council.
- Develop and recommend major academic, student, and faculty policies to the Vice President of Academic Affairs to assure innovation, retention, quality, continuous improvement, and growth of TCSPP.
- Support and participate in the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Qualifications:

- An earned doctorate from an accredited institution.
- Senior level experience in online/blended programming with leadership experience in academic quality, faculty mentorship, new program development, admissions, marketing, and/or student retention.
- Passion for online learning and its potential.
- Prior administration experience with a strong record of academic leadership.
- A commitment to assessment and continuous improvement.
- A commitment to furthering the mission of The Chicago School of Professional Psychology.
- Demonstrated success with state and professional accreditation agencies and regulators.
- Very strong interpersonal and relationship building skills.
- Evidence of successful decision making in a collaborative environment.

Why consider the opportunity?

- Mission and Reputation: The Chicago School of Professional Psychology is a premier, niche institution with a history of quality, growth and innovation.
- Culture: TCSPP offers a culture of innovation and excellence. It is a fast-paced, fun place to work. Bright, hardworking, ambitious employees are valued and rewarded.
- Challenge: This job will be attractive to an individual who enjoys building and creating.
- Lifestyle: Chicago provides an exciting urban environment in which to live, work, and play.

PROCEDURE FOR CANDIDACY

Confidential review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Nominations, expressions of interest, and applications (including a statement of application and curriculum vitae) should be submitted via email to sfowler@summitsearchsolutions.com.

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Chicago, Illinois

Few cities in the world can match the character and culture of Chicago. Visitors and residents alike find world-class dining, museums, entertainment, and striking architecture in the largest and most visited city in the Midwest.

Chicago is the third most populous city in the United States with approximately 2.7 million residents.

The city is traversed by the Chicago and Calumet rivers, and with many parks and green spaces the city offers stunning natural beauty along with an urban landscape. Lake Michigan offers a wonderful escape, and Chicagoans can stroll the shoreline, play volleyball, bike, or jog along the lakefront. The Chicago Park District consists of 552 parks with over 7,300 acres of municipal parkland. There are 33 sand beaches, two world-class conservatories, sixteen historic lagoons, and ten bird and wildlife gardens.

As a multicultural city that thrives on the harmony and diversity of its neighborhoods, Chicago today embodies the values of America's heartland – integrity, hard work, and community and reflects the ideals in the social fabric of its 77 distinct neighborhoods. Some favorite ethnic communities to explore in Chicago include Greektown, Chinatown, Ukrainian Village, and Little Italy.

Chicago is recognized across the United States as a very passionate sports town. With professional teams such as the: the Chicago Bears, Blackhawks, Bulls, Fire, Cubs, and White Sox.

The dining choices in Chicago area are as diverse as the people, and everything from ethnic food to contemporary and innovative dining can be found. The city is home to 23 Michelin-starred restaurants, with one three-star restaurant, Alinea. Saveur Magazine even dubbed Chicago “America’s new culinary star.”

Chicago has long been known for theatre, from big productions at landmark venues in Chicago’s downtown Theatre District to experimental works at small storefront theaters in outlying neighborhoods. In addition, Chicago's theatre community spawned modern improvisational theatre. When it comes to music, there are live performances of every kind every night of the week, although jazz and blues have a special place in the city’s cultural history.

Chicago is a travel hub, which means it’s easy to get to and from anywhere in the country or the world. Chicago is served by Midway International Airport on the South Side and O'Hare International Airport, the world's third busiest airport, on the far Northwest Side. Once one is in Chicago, there are many convenient options for getting around, from bike paths and L trains to buses and cabs.

For additional information on Chicago, please visit:

<http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en.html>

<http://www.explorechicago.org/city/en.html>





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