

## **Whole Health School of Medicine and Health Sciences Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs and Graduate Medical Education**

Whole Health School of Medicine and Health Sciences seeks a dynamic, distinguished executive to serve as its inaugural Vice Dean of Clinical Affairs and Graduate Medical Education (VDCA). The VDCA will be a valued member of the leadership team that is building the Whole Health School of Medicine and Health Sciences. This role will be crucial toward the goal of matriculating the first class of medical students in 2024. The School of Medicine and Health Sciences plans to break ground on the construction of a new state-of-the-art education and training facility in Bentonville, Arkansas in the Fall of 2022.

The goal of Whole Health School of Medicine and Health Sciences is to reimagine medical education by creating a pipeline of medical professionals trained in conventional medicine and in the concept of Whole Health – a new approach that equips and empowers individuals to actively optimize their physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. It is envisioned that the medical school will bring jobs to the region and create a pipeline of graduates to be retained for residency training and eventual practice. This will have the downstream effect of increasing the number of healthcare providers in the state and contribute to the health and well-being of the residents of Arkansas. The program is allopathic, with graduates earning a Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree.

The VDCA will provide strategic leadership, oversight, and management of the school's clinical training infrastructure. Reporting to the Founding Dean, the VDCA will establish, develop, and sustain clinical affiliations sufficient to provide required and elective clinical education. They will develop the graduate medical education infrastructure necessary to support medical students' clinical training. The VDCA will liaise with the Northwest Arkansas Council Healthcare Transformation Division in its Graduate Medical Education Expansion Plan and other healthcare related initiatives. The VDCA will develop affiliations with the local, state, and regional health care delivery communities, including Federally Qualified Health Centers and area hospitals and their affiliated clinics, including the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences in both Northwest Arkansas and Little Rock, the Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks in Fayetteville, AR, and Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas in Rogers, AR. With these strategic partners, the VDCA will provide leadership to provide clinical training to medical students and strengthen synergy in the community's health and wellness over the long term. The VDCA will maintain a strong and supportive relationship with other administrators, faculty, staff, and students in the School of Medicine and surrounding clinical entities.

This is an unparalleled opportunity for a leader in academic medicine with the desire to help shape a new medical school with a unique, holistic approach to human health and disease, enormous potential for social impact, and the drive to make a lasting difference in the local region of Northeast Arkansas and the nation as a whole. While the number of new schools of medicine continues to rise, no school has been established that leverages the principles of whole health and expertise that the Whole Health School of Medicine offers. These assets will be applied to a region of the US in a manner that will incentivize future collaborations among a number of surrounding healthcare and academic institutions, bolster research and commercialization efforts, and spur regional economic development.

Success in this important role will require senior management experience, knowledge of clinical practice, experience in graduate medical education, and understanding of the business of healthcare. A Doctor of Medicine degree is required as well as completion of postgraduate medical education in an ACGME accredited residency program in any medical

specialty with current Board Certification. An advanced degree in health care or business related field is preferred. The VDCA will be visible, proactive, and an outstanding communicator who is able to build relationships and complex partnerships across the region and is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Confidential interest, nominations, or referrals can be sent to Deborah (Dee) Wing, MD, MBA, Kim Smith, or Kerry Quealy via email at: [WHSOMViceDean@wittkiewfer.com](mailto:WHSOMViceDean@wittkiewfer.com) or 630-575-6159.

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