



*Accreditation Review Commission on Education  
for the Physician Assistant, Inc.*

### Application Announcement for a Public Commissioner on the ARC-PA

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) seeks applicants via nominations, by others or self-declared, for a Commissioner position on the ARC-PA. The ARC-PA is the recognized accrediting agency that protects the interests of the public and PA profession by defining the *Standards* for PA education and evaluating PA educational programs to ensure their compliance with those *Standards*.

The public commissioner serves as a consumer advocate, representing the public interest in relation to the accreditation of physician assistant programs. The public commissioner is required to attend the semi-annual (March and September) meetings of the ARC-PA, contribute to discussions about accreditation status of programs, participate in site visits to PA programs, and act as a member of ARC-PA committees or task forces. The term of appointment is three years with an opportunity for re-appointment for a second three-year term. For more information regarding the duties of a Commissioner, please refer to the ARC-PA website at: <http://arc-pa.org/about/commissioners.html>

The public member may not derive his or her livelihood from the Physician Assistant profession. Those working in educational administration, health-related organizations and the accreditation community are eligible for consideration.

Travel and other direct costs related to the public commissioner attending regular, special or committee meetings, workshops or site visits are paid by the ARC-PA. Commissioners receive no compensation for their services.

The term of office will begin January 1, 2017. The first official commission meeting of the term is March 10-12, 2017. Newly elected commissioners are to also attend the Summer 2017 Accreditation and You Workshop on June 11-13, 2017 (location TBA) as a participant and the January 2017 commission meeting as a guest. Attendance and participation at these meetings will provide orientation to the processes and work of the commission.

Nominations and applications, accompanied by a resume and a statement describing how the candidate's experience and background will add to the evaluation of PA programs should be forwarded via e-mail to: [commissioner@arc-pa.org](mailto:commissioner@arc-pa.org) before or by **July 1, 2016**. Commissioner election will occur at the September 2016 commission meeting. Applicants will be notified of the results shortly after the meeting.