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Dear Mr. Simpson:

Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center has had a post-graduate training program for physicians assistants since 1971. This program is, we feel, unique, and differs from all other presently established programs in a number of essentials. The primary difference is that this is a postgraduate program; only graduates of recognized and approved schools for physicians assistants are eligible. The program, at the present time, is only in surgery, and offers educational benefits and professional responsibility to selected individuals. For these reasons, many of your questions are not entirely applicable, but I will try to answer them.

1. The first P.A.s started in September 1971. We have had ten P.A.s in this program, of which six are still with us. The other four did not graduate - they left because they either had already received the maximum benefits of our program, or they were not suitable.
2. All of our P.A.s are graduates of approved P.A. programs. They range in age from 23 to 41. One woman and nine men. Education prior to P.A. school ranges from a high school equivalency diploma to a Ph.D. States of residence include New York, New Jersey, Colorado, Texas, Michigan, North Carolina, Minnesota, Connecticut, Virginia, and Canada.
3. Students learn about us by word of mouth. Dr. Gliedman and I have spoken about our program at numerous institutions, speeches have been reprinted in the P.A. Journal, and program directors have steered individuals to us. We have no special recruiting program.
4. The only absolute criteria is that of graduation from an approved P.A. school. Our selection is based on personal interviews extending over a few days, references, etc.

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5. All of our P.A.s must take the exam as soon as possible.
6. After a few years with us, the P.A. should be able to take care of the sick surgical patient. He should be able to evaluate him preoperatively, assist the surgeon in the intra-operative care (including whatever technical aspects the surgeon deems it advisable to delegate) and monitor him properly postoperatively.
7. Our starting stipend is currently \$16000.00 per year plus about 20% for fringe benefits.
8. Our P.A.s are registered under the current New York state law regulating P.A.s.
9. Our P.A.s practice in a large metropolitan hospital in New York city. This is a primary medical school teaching affiliation, with mainly a middle-class clientele. There is a disproportionate number of secondary and tertiary referred cases.
10. The supervision given is close and continuous.
11. Our present program is, essentially, a continuing education for graduate physicians assistants.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Rosen, M.D.
Assistant Chief
Department of Surgery

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1. The first PA's started in Sept 1971. We have had 10 PA's in this program, of which 6 are still in. The other 4 did not graduate - they left because they ~~had~~ either ^{already} received the work benefits from another program, or they were not suitable.

2. All of our ~~student~~ PA's are graduates of approved PA programs. They range in age from 23-41. One woman & 9 men.

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6. After a few yrs in us, the PA should
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pt. He should be able to evaluate him
preoperatively, assist the surgeon in the
intra-operative care (including whatever technical
aspects the surgeon deems it advisable to delegate)
& monitor him properly post-operatively.

7. Our starting stipend is currently \$16,000 per annum plus about 20% for fringe benefits.
8. Our PA's are registered under the current N.Y. state law regulating PA's.
9. Our PA's practice in a large metropolitan hospital in N.Y.C. This is a premier medical school teaching affiliation, & marks a middle-class ^{clientele} clientele. There is a disproportionate number of ~~secondary~~ secondary & tertiary ^{tertiary} referral cases disproportionate
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