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Kean University to Launch Three New Master's Degree Programs

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Kean University will launch three new graduate programs in the upcoming academic years (2016-2019): a Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology; [Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies](#) in Kean's new School of Physician Assistant Studies; and the [Master of Architecture](#) in the Michael Graves College.

"These three programs reflect our ongoing commitment to offer students in New Jersey and the surrounding region quality academic programs with strong job prospects," said Jeffrey Toney, PhD, Kean provost and vice president for academic affairs. "Each of these programs will be led by faculty with real-world experience who can deliver world-class education."

Kean's new 36-credit Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology program is currently accepting applications and will launch in the fall 2016 semester. It is the only public program in New Jersey and one of a few nationwide to offer a highly functional degree designed for those interested in pursuing doctoral training in psychology or law, or master's-level forensic jobs in court, clinics, research departments, law enforcement, corrections and psychiatric settings.

The field of forensic psychology has grown significantly over the past three decades, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts 14 to 20 percent job growth through 2022, outpacing most other occupations.

"At Kean, we equip students with the knowledge and experience they need to be productive and successful in the workplace," said Richard P. Conti, PhD, assistant professor in Kean's School of Psychology. "Our MA in Forensic Psychology will prepare them for a field in which jobs are available and they can contribute positively to society."

For more information, visit www.kean.edu/psych; contact Dr. Conti at rconti@kean.edu or 908-737-5883; or call the Department of Psychology at 908-737-5870.

The physician assistant profession is considered one of the top growth careers in the nation, with the Bureau of Labor Statistics projecting a 38 percent increase in job opportunities between 2012 and 2022. Kean has applied for provisional accreditation from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) for the

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98-credit, two-year Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program and intends to launch in May 2017 with brand new classrooms, labs and equipment in Kean's new North Ave. Building.

"Kean's program is only the fourth physician assistant program at a New Jersey institution, so we are well-positioned to meet the demand in this growing field," said Medea Y. Valdez, PA-C, DHEd, executive director of Kean's School of Physician Assistant Studies. "Our graduates will have an appreciation for family and patient-centered primary care and will be able to facilitate the continuity of care for patients across all settings to help address the healthcare gaps in the state."

Medical practices seeking to partner with Kean in providing clinical rotation opportunities should contact Mayra Ramirez, PA-C, DHSc, director of clinical education, at maramire@kean.edu or 908-737-5914.

For more information about Kean's physician assistant program, visit: <http://grad.kean.edu/masters-programs/physician-assistant-studies>.

The Master of Architecture program in Kean's School of Public Architecture will launch in 2019. It is a 55-credit, two-year program, which prepares students who don't have a professional architecture degree to sit for licensing exams at the state and national levels. The program builds on Kean's bachelor's degree in architecture, continuing the emphasis on humanist values as they impact contemporary design.

Architecture is a growing profession, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which projects a seven percent increase in jobs between 2014 and 2024.

"Kean's Master of Architecture program prepares students for the increasing globalization of architectural design," said Davey Mohny, FAIA, dean of Kean's Michael Graves College, which houses the School of Public Architecture. "Graduates will have the expanded professional design skills required from today's architects and builders. The master's program will engage directly with the built environment with the intention of raising standards among the public for quality designs, buildings and places."

To learn more about the architecture program, visit <http://www.kean.edu/academics/school-public-architecture>.

About Kean University

Founded in 1855, Kean University has become one of the largest metropolitan institutions of higher education in the region, with a richly diverse student, faculty and staff population. Kean continues to play a key role in the training of teachers and is a hub of educational, technological and cultural enrichment serving nearly 15,000 students. The University's six undergraduate colleges offer 50 undergraduate degrees over a full range of academic

subjects. The Nathan Weiss Graduate College offers four doctorate degree programs and more than 60 options for graduate study leading to master's degrees, professional diplomas or certifications. With campuses in Union and Toms River, New Jersey, and Wenzhou, China, Kean University furthers its mission by providing an affordable, accessible, and world-class education. Visit www.kean.edu.