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Students entering the University of Dayton's new physician assistant program this fall will train in state-of-the-art exam rooms thanks to a generous donation from Midmark, a local manufacturer and solutions provider for the medical industry.

Midmark has supplied barrier-free exam tables, seating, cabinetry and Care Exchange computer workstations for 10 exam rooms, and the emergency and operation simulation rooms.

The PA program plans to enroll its first students this fall, pending provisional accreditation in March. The University will house the program on the fifth floor of the College Park Center, 1529 Brown St.

"It is an honor to be involved with the University of Dayton. We support the University of Dayton and its physician assistant program's mission of producing committed PAs to serve patients through skillful, compassionate and ethical health care," said Dr. Anne Eiting Klamar, Midmark president and CEO. "We are pleased to contribute to this program by providing medical equipment and sharing our knowledge of the primary care space to help students become skilled in providing efficient and effective patient care."

Midmark collaborated on the construction of the exam rooms to ensure they represent the latest in clinical design. Midmark's expertise in exam workflow and exam room layouts allows more efficiency, patient access and delivery of care to accommodate new technologies and new healthcare protocols. Midmark also provided the school with Barrier-Free® exam tables, allowing easy access for patients with mobility issues and equality in healthcare for all patients, supporting a true primary care environment.

"This generous gift of equipment and design expertise from Midmark will enable us to provide a state-of-the-art training facility for our students," said Kevin Kelly, dean of the University of Dayton School of Education and Health Sciences. "We appreciate their support for our vision of expanding preparation of health service providers for the greater Dayton area and Ohio."

The University is currently hiring faculty and developing curriculum for the 27-month, seven-semester program that will offer a Master of Physician Assistant Practice. The University expects to enroll up to 30 students in the first year and 35 in the second with a target of 40 students in subsequent years.

Prospective students can learn more about the program and apply online at http://www.go.udayton.edu/paprogram. The application is through a common application service for physician assistants.

The PA program is the latest graduate program in health sciences at the University of Dayton, which also offers clinical degrees in school psychology and mental health counseling as well as the doctor of physical therapy degree. At the undergraduate level, the school offers competitive programs in prephysical therapy, dietetics, exercise physiology and exercise science.

Physician assistants practice medicine under the supervision of physicians, including surgeons, and are formally trained to provide diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive healthcare services as delegated by a physician.

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