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The University of Dayton and Premier Health announce a new collaboration that will support physician assistant students' training and success after graduation.

“We are working to put together the best possible preparation so graduates will be able to provide exceptional patient care,” said Kevin Kelly, dean of the School of Education and Health Sciences. “High-quality clinical training
opportunities are crucial to success in the preparation of physician assistants. Premier Health is a great partner in preparing new professionals to meet the health care needs of the greater Miami Valley.”

The collaboration offers:

* Clinical rotation opportunities throughout Premier Health's hospitals;

* Recruitment assistance from Premier Health's business development office;

* Assistance in developing resume and interview skills.

Students, faculty and officials from the University and Premier Health will celebrate the collaboration on Tuesday, Aug. 30, at the Dayton Racquet Club.

The University's Master of Physician Assistant Practice will graduate its first class in December — helping to meet the demand for more health care professionals created in part by the Affordable Care Act.

“Premier Health is pleased to collaborate with the University of Dayton to increase the number of qualified candidates for this profession,” said Mary Boosalis, president of Premier Health. “We're delighted to work with UD to build on the success of this excellent new program, which will help to meet the health-care needs of our region for years to come.”

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates employment in the field will grow 38 percent between 2012 and 2020. The demand for the University's program continues to be strong, with more than 900 applications for the 40 seats available in the cohort starting this month.

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