Our Lady of the Lake College, a Catholic institution with a strong health sciences focus in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, seeks a Vice President for Academic Affairs with demonstrated leadership skills and a commitment to advance the mission of the College. Our Lady of the Lake College is a subsidiary of Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center (OLOLRMC). The College is an integral component of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System in Louisiana.

Founded in 1923 as a hospital-based diploma nursing school, the College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and has over 1,700 students and a fulltime faculty of 85. Current programs include 1 doctoral degree, 3 master’s degrees, 6 bachelor’s degrees, 4 associate degrees, and 1 certificate program. The next Vice President for Academic Affairs will preside over an institution moving to offer additional doctoral programs in select health-care disciplines by 2023. Approximately 72% of students are enrolled in nursing programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels, 22% in other health professions at the undergraduate and graduate levels, 5% in arts and sciences at the undergraduate level, and 1% in certificate programs. All degree programs are based on a sound foundation in arts and sciences courses with additional emphasis on moral and ethical professional and personal behavior.

Our Lady of the Lake College is the only Catholic college as well as the only four-year private college in Baton Rouge. This location in the capital city of Louisiana, one hour west of New Orleans, offers distinct advantages. Baton Rouge’s urban environment has nearly 1M in the metropolitan area and provides faculty, staff, and students with theatre, music, dance, art, festivals, sports, and the region’s world-renowned Cajun cuisine.

The College’s mission, inspired by the vision of St. Francis of Assisi and the Roman Catholic Church, seeks to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to God’s people, especially those in need. The College also commits to meeting the educational needs of the people of God. It is desired that the successful candidate will be Catholic; have an appreciation for Catholic higher education; have a calling to the College’s mission; and promote collegial collaboration with student life educators in order to foster a student-centered approach to the formation and education of our students. In addition, the successful candidate must have an earned terminal degree; clinical health-care
experience or experience overseeing clinical programs; a balanced approach to liberal arts and pre-professional/professional programs; an understanding of the value of formation as essential to higher education in the Catholic intellectual tradition; an appreciation and respect for teaching at all degree levels; experience/expertise with a variety of accreditation processes, especially those related to professional degree programs; and senior leadership experience in higher education administration or comparable experience with health care education.

The College is being assisted by Academic Search, Inc., and a complete search prospectus can be found at http://www.academic-search.com/data/files/OLOLCollegeVPAAProfile.pdf. Additional information can be found at www.ololcollege.edu. Applications should include a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and names of five professional references with full contact information. Nominations and applications can be submitted electronically in confidence to OLOLCollegeVPAA@academic-search.com.

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