

New England Commission of Higher Education

VICE PRESIDENT

The New England Commission of Higher Education invites applications for the position of Vice President of the Commission. This position is one of five professional positions serving the Commission. The New England Commission of Higher Education is the regional accrediting organization for the six New England states. The Commission accredits approximately 230 colleges and universities. Its offices are located in Burlington, Massachusetts.

The Commission seeks an exceptionally qualified individual with the skills and qualities to have a significant impact on the achievement of its dual purposes: quality assurance and quality enhancement among affiliated institutions. To this end, the Vice President will coordinate and give direction to the Commission's evaluation processes, including selection of visiting teams, maintenance of a database of potential evaluators, development and implementation of workshops for evaluators and team chairs, and review of team reports. In addition, the Vice President works independently and in concert with other members of the staff to undertake and provide direction to various Commission activities and otherwise to contribute to the successful accomplishment of its purposes. As a part of each activity, the Vice President will assess its effectiveness toward contributing to the achievement of the Commission's purposes and undertake improvements where necessary.

The successful candidate will have an earned doctorate from a regionally accredited institution and at least five years' experience in higher education preferably in New England resulting in a knowledge and understanding of issues confronting colleges and universities, particularly as they relate to academic quality; commitment to and significant understanding of regional accreditation; the demonstrated ability to write and speak effectively and to employ information technology to enhance organizational effectiveness; aptitude for managing a considerable amount of detail; a strong capacity for self-motivation and the ability to work independently as well as the demonstrated ability to work as part of a team; exceptional analytic, interpersonal and organizational skills; and a high tolerance for ambiguity. Additional preferred qualifications include experience as an evaluation team member or team chair; a grasp of the basic components of college and university finance; and experience with Salesforce. The Commission also seeks a person of good cheer with a sense of humor who exhibits uncommon civility.

Salary and benefits are competitive and are commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The anticipated starting date for this position is January 1, 2020. Screening of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Applications received by October 18, 2019 will be assured full consideration.

Individuals wishing to apply should send a letter of interest, their current resume, and the name, address, and telephone numbers of three professional references to:

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