

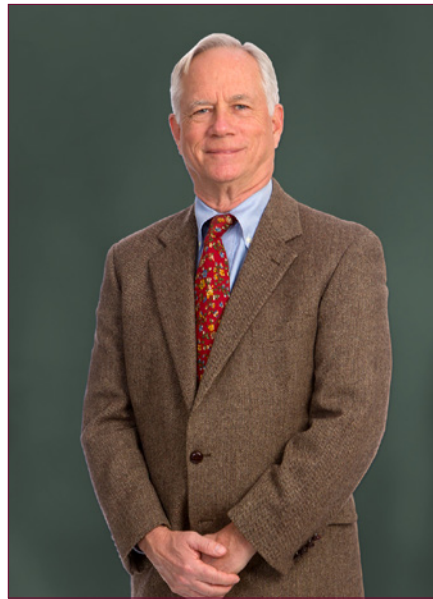
Bryant U. to start School of Health Sciences with PA program in Jan. 2015 Will partner with Alpert Medical School

SMITHFIELD – Bryant University and The Warren Alpert Medical School have signed an agreement granting the use of the Alpert Medical School facility for key aspects of Bryant’s new Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies graduate program (MSPAS).

The physician assistant program, currently in the process of accreditation, will begin accepting applications in April 2014. The inaugural class of 32 students will begin the 27-month program in January 2015. It will be housed in a new facility to be constructed this year on the Bryant campus.

MSPAS students will complete the majority of the first year’s preclinical study at Bryant and study the foundational human anatomy course at the medical school. Alpert Medical School Morphology Director **DALE RITTER, PhD**, will teach the course. Brown and Bryant will facilitate adjunct appointments for faculty.

After the first year, the Bryant PA students will take part in 15 months of clinical rotations provided through



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Jay Amrien, MPAS, PA-C, will serve as program director.

Bryant’s clinical affiliations with partners including Care New England, Southcoast, and multiple specialty practices throughout the Lifespan health system, as well as independent

clinical providers.

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The planned School of Health Sciences will be housed in a new facility to be constructed this year on Bryant’s 428-acre campus in Smithfield.