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Dear Search Committee,

I submit my resume and application for the Program Director of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at San Diego Mesa College with great interest. San Diego Mesa College and the Physical Therapist Assistant Program are an invaluable aspect of the community. Physical Therapist Assistants from Mesa College are known to be exceptional clinicians with impeccable soft skills such as empathy and communication. The programs' success rates in retention and first time national examination pass rate are known in the community by both employees and potential students. I am proud to have been a part of those successes.

You will find I meet all college and accrediting agency qualifications and will be a valuable leader to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program and team player within the Allied Health Programs and San Diego Mesa College.

My Qualifications include:

Masters in Educational Leadership, Community College and Higher Education including studies in Curriculum Construction, Leadership, Assessment Techniques, Access and Opportunity in Higher

Education, Technology in the Classroom, Social Entrepreneurship, Master's Seminar

Teaching Experience 2 years in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at San Diego Mesa College including Orthopedics, Introduction to Pathology, Introduction to Physical Therapy, Human Movements

Lab Assistant in San Diego State University Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Integumentary course

Assistant in continuing education course through Hermann and Wallace

Leadership Experience including HIPPA and OSHA training, new hire training in proper use of equipment, creating agenda and leading program meetings, new student orientation, advisory committee, application review and selection using lottery process, participation in adjunct hiring, budget and ordering

Physical Therapist Assistant, License AT9298, numerous continuing education studies in full curriculum vitae

Certified Clinical Instructor in outpatient setting with students of all abilities

My leadership experience within the program has earned the trust of Allied Health faculty, Special Admissions, and students. I believe in a student-centered approach to education and enjoy assisting students in discovering their best learning environment, style, and direction. I am most proud of my leadership for students and faculty and ability to create an environment where all work together to develop critical thinking and communication skills necessary for successful licensure and employable healthcare clinician. Strong, successful leadership relies on the ability to establish mutual trust, inquisitive mindset, critical thinking, and communication, all of which I consistently portray.

I strongly value diversity and believe it is in our differences that we grow as people, educators, leaders, and clinicians in health care. I have lived overseas and seen the challenges and benefits of blending many beliefs in education. I have also treated patients of diverse cultures and am able to blend their beliefs and customs into a successful treatment plan. These beliefs and experiences are why I am a successful mentor, leader, and educator and will be an asset to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program and community while abiding by San Diego Mesa College vision of blending equity and excellence into educating students' future.

I am excited for the opportunity to work with this prestigious college and program in the role of Program Director and look forward to hearing from the search committee soon.

Respectively,

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