## **National Executive Search Announcement**





INVITES APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS FOR

# Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**Edison State College**, a unit of the Florida College System, seeks an accomplished Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs to provide strategic vision, leadership, and direction for the College's comprehensive Academic Affairs division. The review of applications begins immediately.

#### THE OPPORTUNITY

The Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs serves as the chief academic officer of the College. This executive-level position provides leadership and integrity in the areas of academic program development, curriculum, evidence-based research, and organizational effectiveness; promotes shared governance; and develops and oversees academic policies and instructional delivery in support of the College's vision.

As a member of the President's Cabinet, the Provost and VP of Academic Affairs will play a principal role in shaping and guiding the College as it expands services both academically and within the community. Opportunities will include strengthening the first year experience, further development of baccalaureate offerings, leading the faculty in a review of academic governance, managing and directing the College's accreditation process, and enhancing offerings through dual enrollment and online services.

The office of the Provost and VP of Academic Affairs at Edison State is responsible for directing academic programs for two Charter High Schools, 18 Associate of Science degree programs, 10 baccalaureate degree programs, and the Associate of Arts programs that support hundreds of baccalaureate majors.

The Provost and VP of Academic Affairs fosters a vibrant and empowered learning community through a proven leadership style that evokes trust, welcomes collaboration, and reflects confident decision-making. This senior administrator effectively engages the talents and experiences of the appropriate administration, faculty, staff, and students.

The successful candidate should have extensive knowledge of and experience with academic communities of higher learning and possess a strong commitment to high academic standards and to the enhancement of teaching and learning.

Additionally, the Provost and VP of Academic Affairs:

- Advocates and promotes quality instruction and effectively oversees and monitors faculty-developed curriculum to meet the educational needs of students in a diverse college environment
- Collaborates with appropriate college leadership and academic units to ensure successful accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and program level accrediting agencies





Oversees all academic policies and procedures, ensuring adherence to all federal, state, and academic requirements. Ensures compliance with regional and program specific accreditation standards.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

The successful candidate will have a terminal degree earned from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and an extensive record of progressively responsible experience in senior academic leadership roles at regionally accredited institutions of higher education. Preference given to those candidates with experience at both associate degree-granting and baccalaureate degree-granting institutions.

Extensive expertise in program and curriculum development, program review and enhancement, continuous quality improvement processes, and budget and fiscal management is required. Candidates should have a broad knowledge of the accreditation process preferably with SACS.

The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs will have:

A significant record of full-time

collegiate teaching experience, research and service commensurate with the attainment of senior academic rank in a higher education institution

- Demonstrated ability to develop, maintain, and manage a quality faculty and rigorous academic programs and policies
- Demonstrated experience in the development and management of curriculum. Preference given to candidates with experience in developing both liberal arts and workforce development programs
- Demonstrated experience in academic program assessment and the development and implementation of continuous improvement strategies
- Demonstrated knowledge of regional accreditation standards and experience working with accrediting organizations
- Demonstrated administrative experience with resource allocation and budgetary planning and oversight
- Demonstrated commitment to student-centeredness, academic excellence, and integrity at all levels



- Exhibits excellent communication and organizational skills
- Committed to affirmative action principles
- Administrative experience in a collective bargaining environment highly desirable

#### **EDISON STATE COLLEGE**

Established in 1962, Edison State College is the 13th largest community college in the Florida College System. The mission of Edison State College is to inspire learning; prepare a diverse population for creative and responsible participation in a global society; and serve as a leader for intellectual, economic, and cultural awareness in the community.

Edison State is the most accessible and most affordable institution of higher education in Southwest Florida. Edison delivers academic programs ranging from collegiate charter high schools through bachelor's degrees.

Edison's 25,000 students may pursue one of more than 18 associate degrees and 10 bachelor's degrees on the College's Lee Campus in Fort Myers, Collier Campus in Naples, Charlotte Campus in Punta Gorda, and the Hendry Glades Center in LaBelle. Edison also offers courses through Edison Online. Each of the campuses is uniquely positioned to address the needs of its community and the individual counties.

In Fall 2012, Edison became a residential college with the opening of student housing on the Lee Campus.

Edison State College is governed by its Board of Trustees composed of nine representatives from Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades, and Lee counties. The members are appointed to four-year





terms by the Governor of Florida.

#### FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

Fort Myers is located in Southwest Florida, alongside the inviting waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Year-round balmy temperatures add to the charm of an area that provides an array of activities indoors, outdoors, on water, and on land.

The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on the College's Fort Myers Campus and The Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples area offer a multitude of cultural activities. Also available is world-class dining and shopping and state-of-the-art medical care and resources.

Residents enjoy a variety of sporting events, including major league baseball spring training, minor league baseball and hockey teams, arena football and numerous community leagues. There are also plenty of championship golf courses, in addition to activities ranging from tennis, fishing, kayaking and canoeing to boating, biking and hiking.

Southwest Florida is home to numerous

historical landmarks, parades, theatrical shows, and festivals. An international airport and several regional airports serve the area.

#### **APPLICATIONS & NOMINATIONS**

Send nominations, inquiries, and letters of application (cover letter, curriculum vitae, and five references with full contact information) to:

### Edison-Provost@myersmcrae.com

Application deadline is November 24, 2012.

Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting is assisting Edison State College with this search. The consultant team leaders are:

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Edison State College is an equal access, equal opportunity institution.



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