Auburn University invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean, College of Nursing. The Dean serves as the College’s chief academic and administrative officer and provides vision and leadership that enhances its tradition of excellence in research, scholarship, instruction, and outreach. The Dean reports directly to the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and will be located in Auburn, Alabama. Auburn University is one of the nation’s premier public land-sea and space-grant institutions, and in 2023, it is ranked 42nd among public universities by U.S. News and World Report.

Auburn, an R1 research university, maintains elevated levels of research activity and high standards for teaching excellence, offering bachelor’s, graduate and doctoral degrees in agriculture and engineering, design and construction, veterinary medicine, pharmacy and the arts and sciences. Its Fall 2023 enrollment of 33,015 students included 25,379 undergraduates and 6,385 graduate and professional students. Organized into 12 academic colleges, Auburn’s 1,435 faculty members offer more than 150 plus educational programs. The University is nationally recognized for its commitment to academic excellence, positive work environment, service and outreach, student engagement, and beautiful campus.

The College of Nursing is recognized as a leader in nursing education, ranking #1 in Alabama. The Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program was ranked 10th in the nation by US News in 2022. The simulation suite at Auburn has earned full accreditation through the Society for Simulation in Healthcare, the only public university in Alabama to do so.

The College of Nursing has approximately 1,200 students, including 600 in first and second year pre nursing, 450 undergraduate majors and 150 graduate students. The college admits 220 students to the undergraduate major each year. The College currently offers the traditional BSN, RN-BSN, MSN, Post MSN certificates, DNP and a newly offered PhD. The College of Nursing has 42 full-time faculty, 93 part-time faculty, 16 staff and 90 clinical associates. The College is housed in a 90,000 square feet state of the art facility adjacent to other health-related buildings. The 2022-23 budgeted showed $20 million in revenue from all sources. Recent increased attention to the research mission of the College has provided budgeted funding and infrastructure to enhance the faculty’s work. The college has an extensive outreach program including 36 programs reaching over 22,000 people throughout Alabama and beyond.

The Dean will lead the College in support of the University’s shared values, including research, scholarship, instruction, and outreach. This individual will represent all academic units within the College and advance all programs inside and outside the university. In addition, the Dean must support and advocate for all students, faculty, and staff while ensuring that all constituents both enhance and improve their knowledge to serve the College and University better. For more information on the position, visit https://auburn.edu/academic/provost/con-search/dean.pdf.

Auburn residents enjoy a thriving community, recognized as one of the “best small towns in America,” with a moderate climate and easy access to major cities or beach and recreational mountain facilities. Situated along the rapidly developing I-85 corridor between Atlanta,
Georgia and Montgomery, Alabama, the combined Auburn-Opelika, Alabama-Columbus, Georgia statistical area has a population of over 500,000, with excellent public-school systems, outstanding recreation areas, and an exceptional regional medical center.

Candidates must possess a PhD or commensurate credentials at the time of employment, a graduate degree in Nursing and academic and professional accomplishments that are sufficient to merit appointment with tenure at the rank of professor. In addition, the successful candidate will possess a demonstrated capacity to lead a stable growing organization, build consensus among stakeholders, foster increased research and scholarship, promote student advancement, enhance corporate and alumni relations, assertively fundraise, and effectively represent the College to outside constituencies. Experience in administration, fiscal management, faculty/staff development, and fundraising is highly desired. Knowledge of accreditation standards is required. Other qualifications include collaborative leadership, shared decision-making and demonstrated effectiveness in sustaining collegial relationships with faculty, students, and administrators.

A successful track record in strategic planning, budget development, and practical ability to balance advocacy for the College with the University community’s needs is essential to success in this position. In addition, the candidate selected for this position must meet eligibility requirements to work in the United States when the appointment is scheduled to begin and continue working legally for the proposed term of employment.

Salary and benefits will be commensurate with education and experience.

While applications and nominations will be accepted until the position is filled, interested parties are encouraged to submit their curriculum vitae and letter of interest indicating experience as it relates to the position to the address below by mid December 2023.

Electronic submissions of all nominations and applications are encouraged.

Search Committee – Dean, College of Nursing
Attention:
Director, Breckenridge Partners
Email: mek@breckenridgepartners.com

Initial review of candidates will begin in December and will continue until a qualified candidate is appointed.

Auburn University is an EEO/Vet/Disability Employer and committed to building an inclusive and diverse community.