Trinity Health Provider Opportunity
Trinity Health PACE
Saint Joseph PACE
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SPECIALTY Geriatric Medicine

HOSPITAL Trinity Health PACE
Saint Joseph PACE

LOCATION Mishawaka, Indiana

GROUP PRACTICE Yes

PRACTICE MODEL Employment

STATUS Full Time

AVAILABILITY 2019

REQUIREMENTS Board Certified or Board Eligible

CALL COVERAGE TBD

OPPORTUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Saint Joseph PACE has an excellent full time employment opportunity for a Board Certified or Board Eligible Family Medicine or Internal Medicine physician who possess experience in Geriatric Medicine to join a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) located in Mishawaka, Indiana.

The selected provider will report to the Medical Director with administrative supervision of this opportunity overseen by the Executive Director. The physician will provide primary medical care to Saint Joseph PACE participants, including assessment, developing a plan of care in collaboration with the interdisciplinary team, provision of direct participant medical care, and evaluation of effectiveness of the plan of care. They must function in a collegial relationship with the other health care professionals, making independent decisions regarding medical needs and health regimens while carrying out medical procedures as indicated.

General responsibilities of the physicians will include:

• Perform physical examinations, order and evaluate appropriate laboratory and diagnostic tests, and record results in a systematic manner.
• Provide initial and ongoing participant assessments, care plan development, and implementation of care plan.
• Provide preventative health care and health promotion for Saint Joseph PACE participants.
• Educate participants and families regarding health maintenance and their chronic medical conditions, in cooperation with nursing staff.
• Serve as a member of the interdisciplinary team and participate in the development of the comprehensive plan of care and ongoing monitoring of the participant’s health status. Maintain an active role in the interdisciplinary team process.

Preference will be shown to experienced candidates who possess an Added Qualification in Geriatric Medicine; however, candidates who possess experience working with frail or elderly population are encouraged to apply. Candidates must be Board Certified or Board eligible in Family Medicine or Internal Medicine, be eligible to practice medicine in the State of Indiana and possess DEA registration. Additional requirements include a minimum of one year of documented experience working with a frail or elderly population, an interest in frail older adults and knowledge of their physical, mental, and social needs. The physician must possess effective skills in physical assessment and chronic disease management for frail older adults and the desire to work in a creative alternate health care setting while managing changing priorities according to participant needs.

The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) model is centered on the belief that it is better for the well-being of seniors with chronic care needs and their families to be served in the community whenever possible. PACE serves individuals who are aged 55 or older, certified by their state to need nursing home care, able to live safely in the community at the time of enrollment and live in a PACE service area. While all PACE participants must be certified to need nursing home care to enroll in PACE, only about 7 percent of PACE participants nationally reside in a nursing home. If a PACE enrollee needs nursing home care, the PACE program pays for it and continues to coordinate the enrollee’s care. We encourage fellowship and independence while serving seniors and their families with dignity and respect. Delivering all needed medical and supportive services, PACE is able to provide the entire continuum of care and services to seniors with chronic needs while maintaining their independence in their home for as long as possible.

This is an exciting opportunity for the right Geriatric Medicine physician to be part of Saint Joseph Health System.

RECRUITMENT PACKAGE

Saint Joseph PACE provides a competitive compensation and benefit package that complements this opportunity for personal growth and professional advancement.

ABOUT THE FACILITY

Saint Joseph PACE Center offers coordinated clinical and rehabilitative services. It also allows participants to visit, socialize, make new friends and build meaningful relationships with doctors, nurses and other program participants. Transportation to and from the PACE Center is provided for participants. At the Saint Joseph PACE Center participants receive physician and nursing care, physical, occupational and recreational therapies, lights
snacks and a hot lunch, nutritional counseling, social worker services and personal care. Medical care is provided by a PACE doctor familiar with the history, needs and preferences of each participant. Care and services.

**Trinity Health PACE** is the largest provider of PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) services in the country with 13 PACE Organizations operating in nine states. PACE is designed to provide the entire continuum of care and services to frail seniors, helping them to maintain their independence in their home and community for as long as possible.

Trinity Health PACE organizations are nationally recognized providing comprehensive medical, health, recreational, and social services designed specifically for each participant in an effort to promote independence at home.

To receive PACE services individuals must meet the following conditions:

- Be at least 55 years old
- Live is the PACE service area
- Be able to live safely in the community with assistance
- Meet the state's nursing facility level of care

PACE Organization's use an interdisciplinary team approach to provide all health, medical and social services necessary to restore and preserve the participant's level of well-being. IDT's are composed of a primary care physician, nurse, social worker, physical therapist, occupational therapist, recreational therapist or activity coordinator, dietitian, PACE center supervisor, home care liaison, health workers/aids, or their representatives, and drivers or their representatives.

IDT evaluates the needs of each individual and develops an individualized plan of care (POC) consistent with the participant's goals and needs. During a center visit, participants may be seen in the clinic for a medical evaluation, the gym for PT or OT exercises, and participate in the recreational activities of the day. They receive a light breakfast and a full lunch while in the center. The fleet of transportation vehicles are available to transport to the center, to home or to any external provider visits. Depending on the situation, a participant may have home care aides, home nursing visits or a house call from their Primary Care Provider. All services are focused on maintaining the participant in the community and as independent as possible.

Trinity Health PACE Organizations are located in the following states:

- Alabama – Mercy LIFE of Alabama
- Delaware – Saint Francis LIFE
- Indiana – Saint Joseph PACE
- Massachusetts – Mercy LIFE of Massachusetts
- Michigan – LifeCircles PACE
- New Jersey – LIFE at Lourdes & LIFE St. Francis
- New York – Catholic Health LIFE & Eddy Senior Care
- North Carolina – LIFE St. Joseph of the Pines
- Pennsylvania – LIFE St. Mary, Mercy LIFE-SEPA and Mercy LIFE – West Philadelphia
Trinity Health PACE is a member of Trinity Health, the second largest Catholic Health System in the nation. Trinity Health is based in Livonia, Michigan.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

**South Bend/Mishawaka, Indiana** – located 80 miles east of Chicago is the commercial and industrial metropolitan center of North Central Indiana with a population of more than 240,000. Comfortably nestled along the meandering banks of the St. Joseph River, South Bend/Mishawaka is a beautiful community with plenty of history, tradition and a wealth of cultural, recreational, sporting, and entertainment opportunities.

St. Joseph County is a leader in industrial and manufacturing business opportunities technology development, which combines to offer excellent opportunities to its residents and new comers alike. St. Joseph County provides a family-friendly environment and convenient living, with easy regional access to its parks, bike and pedestrian walkways, regional beaches, lakes and many cultural activities. The South Bend Regional Airport makes traveling convenient and the South Shore Line train makes daily runs to Chicago for less than the cost of parking. Indianapolis is a three-hour drive due south on US 31 and the sand dunes and shores of Lake Michigan are less than an hour’s drive away.

Known for the legendary University of Notre Dame, the region boasts several colleges and universities, along with multiple reputable public and private school systems. In addition to plenty of sports and recreation, South Bend offers world-class attractions, culture and arts including community museums, theatre, symphony, and more – all the cultural advantages of a larger city combined with small town warmth and charm.

South Bend/Mishawaka offers four full seasons of beautiful springs, comfortable summers, colorful autumns, and invigorating winters, which makes it the ideal place to live.

For more information on South Bend/Mishawaka and Plymouth, Indiana, visit [www.exploresouthbend.org](http://www.exploresouthbend.org)

ABOUT TRINITY HEALTH

Trinity Health is one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. We serve people and communities in 22 states from coast to coast with more than 90 hospitals and 120 continuing care facilities – including home care, hospice, PACE and senior living facilities and programs that provide nearly two million visits annually. Trinity Health employs more than 131,000 colleagues, including 5,300 employed physicians.

**Our mission:** *We, Trinity Health, serve together in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our communities.* We support this mission by living our core values of *Reverence, Commitment to Those Who are Poor, Justice, Stewardship, and Integrity.* Committed to recruiting talented physicians, we are looking for physicians who share our values and want to help us fulfill the health care needs of the communities we serve.

At Trinity Health, we value the physician relationship and focus on partnering with our physicians. Whether you are a practicing physician looking to relocate or a medical resident, we offer opportunities with the flexibility to fit your individual needs. If you would like to be part of Trinity Health, we encourage you to explore this opportunity at [www.trinity-health.org](http://www.trinity-health.org).
If you are interested in this opportunity and would like to submit your CV, please email backkg@trinity-health.org or call Trinity Health Physician Recruitment at (734) 343-2300.