Keiser University offers new physician assistant degree

> Posted by Scott Travis on October 12, 2009 01:44 PM

Here’s something we haven’t heard a lot about lately: a career field with a lot of anticipated job growth.

But physician assistants are needed, and Keiser University in Fort Lauderdale wants to tap into that training market.

Keiser plans to offer a master’s degree in physician assistant program starting in January. The university has received provisional accreditation from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant. The program will study patient care, theory, science and practice, combining classroom, laboratory and clinical work.

The Department of Labor estimates that employment for physician assistants, which was 66,000 in 2006, will grow by 18,000 by 2016, a 27 percent increase.

Students should have a regionally accredited bachelor’s degree and must have certain required prerequisites. The deadline for the January 2010 class is Nov. 2. Those interested can apply online at www.keiseruniversity.edu or in person at the Fort Lauderdale campus at 1500 NW 49th St. They can contact Sabrina Mohammed at 1-888-753-4737 for more information.