



Executive Director of Continuing Studies

Thomas Edison State University (TESU), in Trenton, NJ, seeks an experienced, team-oriented professional to serve as **Executive Director of Continuing Studies** within its John S. Watson School of Public Service and Continuing Studies. The Executive Director must be an entrepreneurial visionary who is prepared to play a leadership role in closing the skill gap between traditional liberal arts education and the needs of industry and society. The Executive Director will hire and lead a team of qualified continuing education professionals, create extensive and active partnerships with industry and the public service sectors, work collaboratively with all divisions of the University to meet objectives, oversee a broad spectrum of curriculum delivery modalities and play a key role in assessing needs and creating programs that satisfy the institutional values of providing relevant education that combine academic rigor and pragmatic subject matter.

Ideal candidates must understand current trends in non-traditional education, including online course delivery and the use of technology to develop collegiate programs for working adults. Candidates should also demonstrate an entrepreneurial approach to program development and have a proven track record of successfully creating and maintaining partnerships with other academic institutions and the business community and be able to articulate the current challenges and opportunities inherent in higher education. The successful candidate will assume oversight of the institution's critical non-credit programs, work collaboratively with academic leaders throughout the institution to create continuing education programs that are aligned with the needs of today's workforce and students and share a passion for the institution's mission to "provide flexible, high-quality, collegiate learning opportunities for self-directed adults"

Thomas Edison State University is the third largest senior public institution of higher education in New Jersey. Identified by *Forbes* magazine as one of the top 20 colleges and universities in the nation in the use of technology to create learning opportunities for adults, and described by *The New York Times* as "the college that paved the way for flexibility," the University is a national leader in the assessment of adult learning and a pioneer in the use of educational technologies. The John S. Watson School of Public Service and Continuing Studies offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs and certificates that cover domestic and international issues, including public policy studies, nonprofit management, financial management, public policy analysis, regional planning, early childhood education, environmental policy/environmental justice and health policy and management.

The school's campus is located in the State House Historic Neighborhood of Trenton, the capital of New Jersey. Trenton is part of the New York metropolitan area and also directly borders the Philadelphia metro region. Rich with accessible and efficient public transit as well as an extensive highway system, Trenton is within easy reach of a geographic region that ranges from the pastoral beauty of southeastern Pennsylvania to the vibrant and exciting east coast megalopolis.

Application: Interested candidates should submit only a cover letter and resume to RPA Inc. at thomasedisonce@rpainc.org. We ask that you not provide references at this time, as they will not be retained. For a confidential discussion, call Brian Bustin, Search Consultant, RPA Inc. at 800-992-9277. The first review of candidates will be April 21, 2016. Applications will be accepted until the search is closed. Thomas Edison State University is an Equal Opportunity Employer, does not discriminate based on race, religion color, age,



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