DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Associate Vice President for Information Technology

Dutchess Community College (DCC), part of the State University of New York, the largest comprehensive public higher education system in the country, welcomes applications for the position of **Associate Vice President for Information Technology (Chief Information Officer)**. This position is integral to the institution as it looks to the future of information technology in the classroom and across the College. Guided by a clear set of shared goals outlined in the new [2023-2028 Strategic Plan,](#) developed in collaboration with both internal and external stakeholders, DCC is positioned to be the hub of learning and opportunity for its community. Additionally, the institution is embarking on a ten-year facilities and academic master plan and is slated to invest over $160M over that timeframe. Fall 2023 enrollment was an 8.5% increase over the previous year and Spring is almost 10% over the previous year. The College seeks an Associate Vice President who is eager to support the institution's values of excellence, engagement, equity, collaboration, and innovation, and who is passionate about engaging both students and the DCC community.

The Position: The Associate Vice President of Information Technology (AVP IT), reporting to the Vice President for Finance and Administration and a member of the President's Cabinet, serves as the Chief Information Officer leading the Information Technology Services division as well as system-wide planning, management, security, and coordination of the technology resources of the College. The AVP IT is responsible for information technology policy, planning, and budget management, information systems deployment and management, centralized IT procurement, information security, and IT services. The AVP IT plays a key role in supporting the institution's strategic goals.

Current responsibilities include oversight of information security, infrastructure and network services, campus application software development, instructional technologies and events support, help desk and customer support activities, micro-computer installation and maintenance, user support services, and policy development regarding information services for students, faculty, and staff. The AVP IT oversees the review and analysis, coordination, and approval of computer-related purchases and upgrades and ensures that new applications and technologies are compatible with existing systems.

The AVP IT provides strategic oversight and direction of DCC's IT operations, including:

- Oversight of IT services, staff, and operations, including the network and infrastructure, enterprise applications, classroom technology, help desk, and client support.
- Oversight of information security policies, procedures, practices, and compliance with federal and state regulations.
- Strategic planning for IT initiatives in alignment with institutional goals.
- Developing and presenting the IT budget and oversight of any initiatives including contract development and monitoring.
- Maintaining strong communication and collaboration channels with all constituencies of DCC, including faculty, students, administrators, executives, committees, and shared governance groups.
- Serving as a strategic leader for the role of information technology at DCC.

The Institution: Dutchess Community College enrolls approximately 3,000 full-time and 5,000 part-time students with a 21:1 student-faculty ratio. DCC, which has one of the lowest tuition rates in the state, awards A.S., A.A., and A.A.S. degrees and certificates through almost 60 programs in an enriching, student-centered environment. The College offers quality and value for students interested in starting a four-year degree at an acclaimed two-year school, as well as those pursuing a career track. DCC offers one of the best educational values of any college or university in the state: $2,225 per semester for full-time students. One-third of college-bound Dutchess County public high school graduates attend DCC and students who graduate in the top 10% of their Dutchess County high school may attend DCC tuition-free through the Charles and Mabel Conklin Scholarship for Academic Excellence. Students give the College high marks for helpful and accessible faculty and outstanding support services, and DCC students are consistently recognized for academic excellence by the Chancellor of the SUNY system.

Dutchess Community College's main campus is situated on 130 acres in Poughkeepsie, NY. The College's contemporary facilities, outstanding faculty, and abundant student activities create a lively, engaging, collaborative community that fosters personal and academic growth. DCC has been recognized for its beautiful campus, interior and exterior artwork installations, and impressive teaching and learning environments. An overwhelming majority of students give the College high marks for its academic facilities. Eleven buildings feature state-of-the-art technology and amenities for student comfort and convenience. Facilities include two television studios for communications students, a nursing laboratory, a 3D printing space, and a daycare center and nursery school that provide field training for early education students. Additional facilities include a contemporary library, student lounge, dining hall, art gallery, theatre, gym, fitness center, athletic fields, and a 472-bed suite-style residence hall that offers a living and learning community for those seeking an on-campus housing experience.

In addition to the Poughkeepsie campus, DCC has three additional locations – DCC @ Fishkill, DCC @ HVR Airport, and DCC @ the Partnership.

- DCC @ Fishkill, which opened in 2021 and is located at the intersection of Route 9 and Interstate 84, is a 47,000 square-foot state-of-the-art learning environment. The cutting-edge location features a computational multi-purpose design lab, science labs, flexible office spaces, and digitally equipped "smart" classrooms.

- DCC @ HVR Airport, the College's aviation education center, also opened in 2021 and is home to the College's pilot, aviation maintenance, and aviation management programs. Located on the grounds of Hudson Valley Regional Airport in Wappingers Falls, the 31,800 square-foot center features advanced aircraft simulators, experiential and teaching laboratory hangars, and ample classroom space.

- DCC @ the Partnership, which opened in 2016 and is located at the Family Partnership Center in the City of Poughkeepsie, provides convenient community access to essential programs and services including English as a Second Language classes and High School Equivalency programs, as well as information and guidance to those interested in the College.

Dutchess was the first college in the state to offer a comprehensive, jointly registered transfer program in teacher education (with SUNY New Paltz), covering birth through twelfth grade. The DCC Falcons baseball team is the first community college team ever to go to the Division III World Championships for three years in a row. For more information, please visit *www.sunydutchess.edu/aboutdcc*.

Qualifications: The successful candidate will have the ability to provide strategic and visionary IT leadership across the campus, focusing both on the present as well as the future of technology in higher education. Desired skills include

expertise in information security frameworks and standards, best-practice policies and procedures, tools and techniques; experience with and enthusiasm for managing and implementing visionary change; experience overseeing multifaceted systems and leveraging overall system resources to deliver the optimum level of service in the most efficient manner possible; creative ability and experience in addressing technological, organizational and budget challenges; and experience in complex project management. Preferred qualifications include an understanding of technology in higher education; ability and experience in aligning technological investment with higher education missions; CISSP, or comparable professional certification in information security; PMP, or comparable professional certification in project management; and a demonstrated understanding of the mission of a community college. A Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in a computer-related field along with progressive experience in IT is required. A Master's degree from an accredited institution and progressive management experience is preferred.

Location: Dutchess Community College is located in Poughkeepsie, at the center of New York's beautiful and historic Hudson River Valley. Just 90 miles south of Albany and 80 miles north of Manhattan, the area is renowned for historic landmarks – including the home and museum of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill retreat, and the Samuel Morse estate. The region also features scenic hiking and biking trails including the Walkway over the Hudson, restaurants, festivals, and educational institutions including Vassar College, Marist College, SUNY New Paltz, and the Culinary Institute of America. DCC is close to the majestic Hudson River and easily accessible by Metro-North and Amtrak train service. Shopping malls, movie theaters, an ice-skating rink, and other recreational activities are within a short drive. For more information, please visit *www.cityofpoughkeepsie.com.*

Salary Range and Benefits: The salary range is $140,000 - $150,000. DCC offers a competitive benefits package, adding an additional 40% to the successful candidate's base salary. This generous package includes medical, dental and vision, retirement options, paid leave, group life insurance, and employee assistance programs.

Application: Interested candidates should submit only a cover letter and resume to RPA Inc. at *DutchessAVPIT@rpainc.org.* For a confidential discussion about this opportunity or to make a nomination, please email Kira Heath, Search Manager; Isaac Karaffa, Vice President and Senior Consultant; or Dana John Cohick, President, at the email address listed above. The review of candidates will begin on April 15, 2024.

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