Emory University
Physician Assistant Program
Virtual Open House

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Clinical Degree Comparison

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<th>Physician MD/DO</th>
<th>Nurse Practitioner NP</th>
<th>Physician Assistant PA</th>
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<td>Average Annual Salary</td>
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<td>4 years Undergrad</td>
<td>4 years Medical School</td>
<td>3 – 4 years Residency</td>
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<td>5 – 7 years residency</td>
<td>6 – 10 years training</td>
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<td>Clinical Training</td>
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<td>Degree</td>
<td>Medical Doctor (MD or DO)</td>
<td>Masters in Nursing</td>
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<td>Other requirements, tests</td>
<td>Yes, COVID-19 and 2 doses after recency</td>
<td>Yes, board exams</td>
<td>Yes, board exams, can migrate specialties</td>
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<td>Medical Model</td>
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MD vs. PA


A Career as a PA

Best Jobs of 2019
1. Software Developer
2. Statistician
3. Physician assistant
4. Dentist
5. (tie) Orthodontist
6. (tie) Nurse anesthetist

Physician Assistant
#1 job in health care
#3 job overall

Working interdependently with physicians: History & physical exams, order & interpret studies (ECG, X-ray, CT, labs), assess & diagnose, perform procedures, prescribing in all 50 states

Migratory: Change specialty without re-training (except anesthesia)

Other opportunities: Research, Administration, Public Health, Education, Leadership
Where do PAs Practice?

![Graph showing distribution of PA practice]

A new survey from the AAFP shows that 38% of PAs work in the hospital setting, while 32% practice in medical specialty settings. The remaining PAs practice in other settings, including primary care, emergency medicine, and surgery.

US PA Program Rankings

- Duke University: 1st in Physician Assistant (PA) program
- University of Iowa: 2nd in PA program
- Baylor College of Medicine: 3rd in PA program
- University of Utah: 4th in PA program
- Emory University: 5th in PA program

Learn about #EmoryUnited

Emory PA Program Mission

The Emory Physician Assistant Program recruits, educates, and mentors a diverse group of students to become highly regarded physician assistants providing compassionate health care of the highest quality.

Emory’s Beginnings

- 1967: Inception as Cardiac Care Medical Specialist at Grady Memorial Hospital with J. Willis Hurst, MD
- 1971: Degree-granting Program
- 1988: 1st Primary Care Masters Degree PA Program in US

![Photo of group of students]
Emory PA Program Goals

1. Support students’ journey to become well prepared, certified PAs by providing a high-quality, evidence-based curriculum and diverse clinical training opportunities

2. Recruit, mentor, and support a diverse student body

3. Promote opportunities for community engaged learning, service, and outreach to underserved populations

Emory Application Requirements

- Baccalaureate degree from regionally accredited institution. Applicants graduating from international institution must have mins of 24 semester credits as a full-time student at a US or Canadian regionally accredited institution.
- A cumulative and science GPA of 3.0/4.0
- GRE within last 5 years
- CASPA & Supplemental Applications ($70.00 fee)
- Applicants must meet the Emory PA Program Technical Standards
- Minimum of 2000 hours direct patient care experience at time of application

Prerequisite Courses

- **Statistics** - 3 semester credits
- **Natural sciences** - minimum 23 semester credits or 34.5 quarter hours
  - Biology with lab - 4 semester/6 quarter hours
  - General Chemistry with lab(s) - 8 semester/12 quarter hours
  - Organic or biochemistry, not a survey course - 3 semester/5 quarter hours
  - Anatomy & Physiology (I and II) - 8 semester/12 quarter hours

Applications for class of 2022

- Applicants on CASPA
  - Total Applicants: 2106
  - Total Completed: 884
  - Interview: 157 over 13 days
  - Dual Degree: 4 coming from Rollins SPH
  - Accepted: 50 for total of 54

Class Geography

Class of 2021 vs 2022

- **Class of 2021**
  - # of students: 54
    - Male 24%, Female 76%
    - Diversity: 30%
    - Advanced Degree: 22%
    - Dual Degree MPH/PA: 3
    - Veterans: 3%
  - Average age: 27.6 (22-40)
  - GPA
    - Total: 3.60
    - Science: 3.53
  - Health Care Experience: 2,252 hrs (Range 80-22,000)
  - Humanitarian vol.: 1151 hrs (Range 80-22,000)
  - GRE
    - Verbal: 152
    - Quant: 153
    - Analytical: 4.3

- **Class of 2022**
  - # of students: 54
    - Male 15%, Female 85%
    - Diversity: 30%
    - Advanced Degree: 22%
    - Dual Degree MPH/PA: 4
    - Veterans: 4%
  - Average age: 25.8 (22-41)
  - GPA
    - Total: 3.67
    - Science: 3.60
  - Health Care Experience: 7,309 hrs (Range 2048-27,872)
  - Humanitarian vol.: 2,252 hrs (Range 80-22,000)
  - GRE
    - Verbal: 155
    - Quant: 153
    - Analytical: 4.3
Clinical Experience
Over 5,500 hours average

- Medical Asst MA is tops

Direct Patient Care Experience –
2000 hours minimum
- Athletic Trainer
- Clinical Researcher (with patient involvement)
- CNA/MA
- Critical Care Tech
- Dietician
- EMT/Paramedic/ED Tech
- Exercise Physiologist
- Health Educators/Child Development Specialist
- Nuclear Tech/Diagnostic Radiology Tech
- Nursing - RN
- Physical Therapist, PT aid
- Psychologists/Mental Health Counselor
- Respiratory Therapist
- Scribe
- Social Worker

Background & Experience

Holistic Approach to Applications

Narrative Statement
GRE Scores
Letters of Recommendation
Mission
Interview Day

Academic Potential
Undergrad GPA
Health Care Experience
Science GPA

Why Emory?

Active Learning

Anatomy Dissection Lab
Skills Labs

OSCE Suites
Point of Care Ultrasound

Active Learning
Why I chose Emory

Curriculum

Foundations Phase (Fall 1)
- Anatomy with Cadaver Lab
- Introduction to Physical Assessment (IPA)
- Foundation of Medical Science (FMS)
- Pharmacology, genetics, medical microbiology, and ultrasound
- Biomedical Ethics
- Becoming a Physician Assistant I (BPA1)

Didactic Phase

Spring 1  Modules: Psychiatry, Dermatology, Hematology/oncology, GI, ENT/Pulmonary, Cardiovascular
Courses: BPA 2, Epidemiology

Summer 1  Modules: GU, Endocrine, Orthopedics/Rheumatology
Courses: BPA 3

Fall 2  Modules: Neurology, Emergency medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Geriatrics
Courses: BPA 4
Summative testing
Curricula Threads

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Small Group Societies

Core Clinical Rotations

- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Inpatient Internal Medicine
- OB/GYN
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Social Determinants of Health (Emory Farmworker Project)
- Surgery

- May be outside of Metro Atlanta (housing provided)
- Electronic patient/procedure logging
- End of rotation days
- PAEA End of Rotation Exams
- Exam Master test questions
- National Conference Board Review Course

Elective Rotations

- Academic Elective
- Addiction Medicine
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- ENT
- Gastroenterology
- Geriatrics
- Infectious Diseases
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Oncology
- Orthopedics
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Radiology
- Urology

Unique Opportunities at Emory

- Emory Farmworker Project
  - 24th Year, over 38,000 patients served
  - 2 weeks in June, 1 fall weekend
  - Interdisciplinary care with PT and medical interpreters
Good Samaritan Clinic

Student run Clinic
- Interdisciplinary training with PA and medical students
- One weekend a month
- Serving the working poor, low income, and uninsured population

29 months – Emory PA Graduate

What makes a Strong Candidate?

- **Solid clinical experience** – AT, RN, Combat Medic, then EMTs, Respiratory therapist, Radiologic Tech, Ultrasound, Med Tech, Counselor, Social work, Speech pathologist, then MA, Scribe Pt Assistant, Clinical research assistant

- **Community service** – Missions, underserved populations, healthcare, out of comfort zone, another language

- **Leadership** – Captain of team, TA, Proctor, team leader

- **Honors** – Publications, academic awards, community service awards

- **Personal Statement** – Talk about journey to decide PA, missions, work related PA encounters... For supplemental, please talk about the school and why them. Visit the school and talk with students.

Questions

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Virtual Tour

- Emory Main Campus
- Walking down on Clifton Road from North Decatur Road
- Map link
Virtual Tour

Law and Business School
- Law school
- Goizueta Business school

Main Library
- Woodruff Library
- Cox hall food court
- Computing center

Emory Quad
- Original Campus
- Carlos Museum (mummies)

Dooly – Unofficial Mascot
- Dooly History
- Emory Eagle – Real Mascot
- New Student Center

Gym - WoodPEC
- The George W. Woodruff Physical Education Center
Emory Hospital – Main Campus

Emory Outpatient Clinics
- Main Clinic
- Winship Cancer Institute

Emory Free Bus System - Cliff
- Bus Service to campus, hospitals, parking

SOM Education Building
- Lecture hall
- Sim Lab

SOM Education Building
- OSCE: objective structured clinical examination suites
- Hx and PE practice
SOM Education Building
- Models for practice
- Anatomy Lab – full dissection

CHOA Egelston
- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta 3 Hospitals
- Egelston on Clifton

1462 Building
- PA Program Office
- Classroom
- Health Science Library

Rollins School of Public Health
- Dual Degree Program: MPH, MMSc

Nursing School and CDC
- NP programs
- CDC Museum

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