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Emory University
Physician Assistant Program
Virtual Open House

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# Comparison

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<th>MD/DO</th>
<th>Nurse Practitioner - NP</th>
<th>Physician Assistant - PA</th>
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<td><strong>Average Annual Salary</strong></td>
<td>Primary Care $206,500</td>
<td>$110,700</td>
<td>$112,262</td>
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<td><strong>Licensing</strong></td>
<td>Independent, Supervises team under State Medical Board</td>
<td>Independent license under State Nursing Board</td>
<td>Licensed under physician supervision, under State Medical Board</td>
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<td><strong>Years Training</strong></td>
<td>4 yrs College 4 years Medical School 3 – 4 years Residency 12 years total</td>
<td>4 years Nursing School 2 years NP program 6 years total Or any 4 yr degree + 1 yr accelerated RN Then 2 yr NP program - 7 year total 6 years total</td>
<td>4 years College 2 – 2.5 years PA program 6 years total</td>
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<td><strong>Clinical Training</strong></td>
<td>9- 10,000 hours</td>
<td>720 hours</td>
<td>2,000 hours</td>
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<td><strong>Degree</strong></td>
<td>Medical Doctor –MD or DO</td>
<td>Masters – now moving to Clinical Doctorate</td>
<td>Masters 100%</td>
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<td><strong># programs</strong></td>
<td>136 MD/26 DO</td>
<td>350</td>
<td>260</td>
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<td><strong>Specialized certifications, tests</strong></td>
<td>Yes, USMLE 1 and 2 then after residency Locked in specialty</td>
<td>Yes- Board exam, Locked in specialty Can migrate specialties</td>
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<td>Biomedical model</td>
<td>Biopsychosocial nursing model</td>
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MD vs. PA


A Career as a PA

U.S. News Best Jobs Rankings

Our Best Job rankings include several different industries, so you can find the best job for you in the health care, business or technology industry, for example. If you’re seeking a high salary, the Best-Paying Jobs ranking list will help you search jobs that pay very well. If you’re not sure which career path to take, start with our overall ranking of the 100 Best Jobs.

The 100 Best Jobs

👉 #1 Physician Assistant
👉 #2 Software Developer
👉 #3 Nurse Practitioner

SEE FULL RANKINGS LIST »

Best Health Care Jobs

👉 #1 Physician Assistant
👉 #2 Nurse Practitioner
👉 #3 Physician

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Best Paying Jobs

👉 #1 Anesthesiologist
👉 #2 Surgeon
👉 #3 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon

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PA Job Growth

- 31% over next 8 years - U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics
  - [https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physician-assistants.htm#tab-6](https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physician-assistants.htm#tab-6)
Salary 2020

- Cardiovascular/cardiothoracic surgery: $137,000
- Thoracic surgery: $129,000
- Emergency medicine: $124,100
- Dermatology: $120,000
- Addiction medicine: $120,000
- Occupational medicine: $119,000
- Critical care: $118,000
- Trauma surgery: $116,000
- Urgent care: $115,100
- Surgical subspecialties (other): $115,000

Median Compensation
Role of PAs

- Working interdependently with physicians - Overlap
  - History & physical exams
  - Order & interpret studies (ECG, X-ray, CT, labs)
  - Assess & diagnose
  - Perform procedures
  - Prescribing in all 50 states

- Migratory
  - Any specialty (not anesthesia) without re-training
  - MD/NPs are locked in specialties

- Other opportunities: Research, Administration, Public Health, Education, Leadership ...
Where do PAs practice?

PAs practice in every work setting:
- 38.3% – Hospital
- 6.1% – Urgent Care Center
- 7.7% – Other
- 2.4% – School, college or university
- 45.5% – Outpatient Office or Clinic

PAs practice medicine in all specialties:
- 24.6% – Primary Care
- 10.7% – Internal Medicine Subspecialties
- 8.9% – Emergency Medicine
- 1.3% – Pediatric Subspecialties
- 28.6% – Other
- 25.9% – Surgical Subspecialties

2017 AAPA Salary Survey
Primary Clinical Specialty

- Dermatology: 4%
- Emergency medicine: 13%
- Family medicine: 21%
- Hospital medicine: 5%
- Pain management: 2%
- Urgent care: 6%
- Internal medicine: General: 16%
- Internal medicine: Cardiology: 3%
- Internal medicine: Gastroenterology: 3%
- Internal medicine: Hematology + oncology: 2%
- Pediatrics: General: 2%
- Surgery: General: 2%
- Surgery: Cardiovascular & cardiothoracic: 4%
- Surgery: Neurological: 4%
- Surgery: Orthopaedics: 6%
- Surgery: Urology: 6%
- Other: 3%
PA Education

• Approximately 120,000 PAs in the US (AAPA.org)
  – 12,526 PAs are in 17 other countries
• Currently 15,000 enrolled students (PAEAonline.org)
• 260 Accredited US PA Programs (arc-pa.org)
  7 in Georgia: Emory, South University - Savannah, South University – Atlanta, Mercer, Morehouse, PCOM – South GA Moultrie, PCOM - Atlanta
• 106 Global Programs
## 106 Global Programs

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<th>Country</th>
<th>PAs</th>
<th>Year of first PA graduation</th>
<th>Number of PA programs</th>
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<td>Bulgaria</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>2017</td>
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<td>Canada</td>
<td>750</td>
<td>2012</td>
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<td>Germany</td>
<td>1,000</td>
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<td>1,200</td>
<td>1967</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>1,400</td>
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<td>Poland</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Saudi Arabia</td>
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<td>2008</td>
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<td>1,300</td>
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<td><strong>Total (estimated)</strong></td>
<td>132,526</td>
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*Clinical associates
**England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland
***50 States; Washington, DC; and five territories: Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands
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<td>#5 in Physician Assistant (tie)</td>
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Learn about Emory PA

www.EmoryPA.org
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

Awards a Master of Medical Science Degree

Focus on Primary Care & medically underserved populations

Eugene A. Stead
BS and MD from Emory University
Chairman, Emory Department of Medicine (1942-46)
Dean of School of Medicine (1945-46)
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 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 min 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 - min 23 semester credits or 34.5 quarter hours – Can be online
  – 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 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: 7%
- **Average age**: 27.6 (22 - 40)
- **GPA**
  - Total: 3.60
  - Science: 3.53
- **Health Care Experience**: 7,309 hrs (Range 2048 – 27,872 )
- **Humanitarian vol.**: 2,252 hrs (Range 80 – 22,050)
- **GRE**
  - Verbal: 152
  - Quant: 153
  - Analytical: 4.3

## Class of 2022
- **# of students**: 54
  - Male: 15%, Female: 85%
  - Diversity: 39%
  - Advanced Degree: 22%
  - Dual Degree MPH-PA: 4
  - Veterans: 4%
- **Average age**: 25.8 (22 – 41)
- **GPA**
  - Total: 3.67
  - Science: 3.69
- **Health Care Experience**: 5,500 hrs (Range 2048 – 20,610 )
- **Humanitarian vol.**: 1,156 hrs (Range 0 – 9,514)
- **GRE**
  - Verbal: 155
  - Quant: 153
  - Analytical: 4.3
Class Geography

States

GA  FL  CA  OR  NC  TX  CO  LA  MA  VA  AL  NH  NY  MD  RI  SC  TN  China  Japan
Clinical Experience
Over 5,500 hours average

• Medical Asst MA is tops
Background & Experience

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
Holistic Approach to Applications

Narrative Statement

Science GPA

GRE Scores

Health Care Experience

Letters of Recommendation

Undergrad GPA

Mission

Academic Potential

Interview Day
Why Emory?
Emory COVID-19 Response

Leading Vaccine Development with Moderna, mRNA-1273 in Phase III Trials

Emory-GA Tech as NIH evaluators of best COVID test for mass production

Emory leads NIH Remdesivir trial – Dr. Aneesh Mehta

Emory Healthcare – 3,000 Telehealth visits per day using Zoom

PA program – Didactic year transitioned to online in 1 day. Clinical students back in hospitals July 1 and graduating on schedule

https://news.emory.edu/stories/2020/06/coronavirus_research_at_emory/
PA Program has a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Promotes and supports diversity in staff, faculty and students

Implemented classroom discussions

Implementing a social determinants of health curriculum


Atlanta the cradle of the civil rights movement
Active Learning

Anatomy Dissection Lab

Skills Labs
Active Learning

OSCE Suites

Point of Care Ultrasound
POCUS – Point of Care Ultra Sound

Butterfly IQ - $2000
Faculty and Staff
Academic Health Center System
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)
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<td>Psychiatry, Dermatology, Hematology/oncology, GI, ENT/Pulmonary, Cardiovascular</td>
<td>BPA 2, Epidemiology</td>
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<td><strong>Summer 1</strong></td>
<td>GU, Endocrine, Orthopedics/Rheumatology</td>
<td>BPA 3</td>
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<td><strong>Fall 2</strong></td>
<td>Neurology, Emergency medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Geriatrics</td>
<td>BPA 4</td>
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## Curricula Threads

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Small Group Societies
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
Academic Elective
Addiction Medicine
Cardiothoracic Surgery
Cardiology
Dermatology
ENT
Gastroenterology
Geriatrics
Infectious Diseases

Nephrology
Neurology
Neurosurgery
Oncology
Orthopedics
Pediatric Emergency Medicine
Radiology
Urology
Thesis paper
Presentations
Poster
Emory Farmworker Project

- 24th Year, over 38,000 patients served
- 2 weeks in June, 1 fall weekend
- Interdisciplinary care with PT and medical interpreters
Emory Farmworker Project
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-C, RN, Combat Medic, then EMTs, Respiratory therapist, Rad Tech Ultrasound, Med Tech, Counselor, Social work, Speech pathologist, then MA, Scribe Pt Assistant, Clinical research assistant

**Community service** – Missions, underserved populations, health care, 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.
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