Our Commitment to Excellence

In addition to our outstanding academic and clinical opportunities, we are proud of our program's long-standing heritage of community service. Each year, our students travel to rural South Georgia where they care for the farmworkers who harvest our crops. Locally, they work in urban Atlanta clinics, providing care for the uninsured. Our location in the Emory University School of Medicine and the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine affords our students rich resources to choose from. In teaching interns from nationally known experts in their respective fields and a diversity of clinical experiences. While true to our long history of preparing primary care providers, our curriculum provides a broad foundation in the medical and surgical disciplines for students who are interested in other areas as well. In addition to teaching the science and art of medicine, we are committed to helping our students become professionals who understand the team-based practice, efficient learning, and advocating for patients. We train our students to become competent, confident practitioners.

Mission Statement

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.

Values

We value the highest standards of professionalism and team-based medicine with a commitment to the medically underserved. Graduates are prepared to practice evidence-based primary care and preventive medicine and engage in lifelong learning.

What is a P.A.?

Physician Assistants are health care professionals licensed, or in the case of those employed by the federal government, credentialed to practice team-based medicine.

As part of their comprehensive responsibilities, Physician assistants will:

- Conduct physical exams
- Diagnose and treat illnesses
- Order and interpret tests
- Counsel on preventive health care
- Assist in surgery
- Write prescriptions

Within the Physician PA relationship, physician assistants exercise autonomy in medical decision-making and provide a broad range of diagnostic and therapeutic services. PAs’ responsibilities may also include education, research, and administrative services.

The Emory PA Program is a 29-month program that combines academic and clinical coursework granting a Master of Medical Science - Physician Assistant Degree (MMSc-PA).

Class of 2025 Stats

- Total Applicants: 3,100
- Applications Received: 1,000
- Candidates Interviewed: 216
- Students Accepted: 54 (87% Female, 13% Male)
- Average Age: 25.2 (22-41)
- Diversity: 37%, URM: 19%, Veterans: 2%
- Average GPA/SGPA: 3.8/3.8
- Healthcare Experience: 5,462 Hours (Range: 2000-33,000)
- Humanitarian Volunteer Hours: 1,031 (Range: 49-9,514)

Curriculum Information

Foundations

Didactic

Three Semesters - January to December

Clinical

Three Semesters - January to December

Application Process

1. Complete the online CASPA application. Include:
   - Original Transcript
   - 3 Letters of Recommendation
2. Complete Emory's Supplemental Application.
3. Submit a $75.00 Application Fee (non-refundable).

Application Deadline September 1

Apply Early!

Admissions Requirements

- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- 2.5 cumulative & science GPA
- Min. 2,000 hours patient care experience
- Statistics, Biology lab, General Chemistry I & II, General Chemistry lab, Anatomy & Physiology I, Human Anatomy & Physiology II, General or Biochemistry.
Why choose the Emory PA Program?

Emory Farmworker Project
For over 25 years, each June and October, the Emory Farmworker Project provides free health care to more than 2,000 farmworkers and their families, a population that plays a key role in Georgia’s billion-dollar fruit and vegetable industry but often lacks access to even basic medical care.

• Diverse Clinical Rotations in Academic Medical Centers – Grady, Emory healthcare, CHOA as well as rural clinics. Three months of clinical electives – choose from hundreds of sites and specialties.
• Academic Support – Faculty Advisors, Peer Tutors, Office Hours
• Peer Support – Buddy System, Orientation Committee, Admissions Committee
• Collaborative Environment (Supportive Peer Atmosphere)
• Point Of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) Integrated into Didactic Curriculum and Pocus Clinical Elective at Grady Hospital (6 Portable Kits Available for Practice at Home)
• 3 Time POCUS Champions
• Anatomy Cadaver Dissection (Not Shared with Other Programs)
• Provided PANCE Prep – Exam Master PANCE test bank and National Emory online PA Board review course PANCE end of rotation exams
• New, 1000 Unit Graduate Student Living Complex on Campus For Fall 2023 and Abundant Off Campus Housing Near Campus