Department of Family and Preventive Medicine
Physician Assistant Program

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Emory University Physician Assistant Program

Comparison

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<th>Patient Care Options</th>
<th>MD/DO</th>
<th>Nurse Practitioner - NP</th>
<th>Physician Assistant - PA</th>
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<tr>
<td>Average Annual Salary</td>
<td>$210,500</td>
<td>$121,000</td>
<td>$122,000</td>
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<td>Licensing</td>
<td>Independent license 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>Years Training</td>
<td>4 yrs College + 3 yrs Residency</td>
<td>2-3 yrs NP program</td>
<td>3 yrs total</td>
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<td>Clinical Training</td>
<td>9 or 12,000 hours</td>
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<td>2,000 hours</td>
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<td>Degree</td>
<td>Medical Doctor - MD or DO</td>
<td>Masters - course ending in Clinical Therapeutics</td>
<td>Masters in PA</td>
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<td>Specialized certifications</td>
<td>Yes, USMLE 1 and 2 then after residency Locked in specialty</td>
<td>Yes, Board exam, Locked in specialty</td>
<td>Yes, Board exam, Can migrate specialties</td>
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<td>Medical Model</td>
<td>Biomedical model</td>
<td>Neuropsychiatric nursing model</td>
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MD vs. PA


Career as a PA in 2023

Physician Assistant Overview

Overall Score 8.3 / 10
F2 in Best Health Care Jobs | #1 in 100 Best Jobs | #4 in Best STEM Jobs

Nurse Practitioner

Physician Assistant

PA Salary by Specialty

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<th>Specialty</th>
<th>Salary</th>
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<td>Cardiology/Thoracic surgery</td>
<td>$147,000</td>
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<td>Dermatology</td>
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<td>Emergency medicine</td>
<td>$129,146</td>
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<td>General surgery</td>
<td>$127,775</td>
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<td>$125,000</td>
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<td>General practice</td>
<td>$124,886</td>
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<td>Hematology</td>
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<td>Radiology</td>
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<td>Plastic surgery</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dermatology</td>
<td>$120,000</td>
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PA Career

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

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

Other opportunities: Research, Administration, Public Health, Education, Leadership
Applications for Class of 2025

Applicants on CASPA
- Total Applicants: 3100
- Total Completed: 1000
- Interviews: 216 over 18 zoom MMI sessions
  - Dual Degree: 3 (Class of 2025)
  - Dual Degree: 1 (Class of 2026)
- Total Class Size: 54

Class of 2024 vs. 2025

Class of 2024
- # of Students: 54
- Male 15%, Female 85%
- Diversity: 24%
- Advanced Degree: 6%
- Dual Degree MPH-PA: 3
- Veterans: 1%
- Average age: 25.8 (20 – 41)
- GPA:
  - Total: 3.73
  - Science: 3.74
  - Health Care Experience: 4,966 hrs (Range 2000 – 15,920)
  - Humanitarian vol: 610 hrs (Range 0 – 5,337)

Class of 2025
- # of Students: 54
- Male 15%, Female 85%
- Diversity: 57%
- Advanced Degree: 4%
- Dual Degree MPH-PA: 3
- Veterans: 1%
- Average age: 25.2 (22 – 41)
- GPA:
  - Total: 3.80
  - Science: 3.80
  - Health Care Experience: 5,462 hrs (Range 2000 – 33,000)
  - Humanitarian vol: 1,031 hrs (Range 40 – 9,114)
Health Care Experience

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<th>Medical Assistant</th>
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<td>EMT</td>
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<td>CNA</td>
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<td>ED Clinical Tech</td>
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<td>Stethscope</td>
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<td>Radiographic Technologist</td>
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<td>Vascular Sonographer</td>
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<td>Research Asst.</td>
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<td>Dental Hygienist</td>
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<td>Exercise Physiologist</td>
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<td>Behavioral Tech</td>
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<td>Occupational Therapist</td>
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<td>Ortho Tech</td>
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<td>Surgical Tech</td>
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<td>Therapeutic Staff Support</td>
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<td>Acupuncturist</td>
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Active Learning

**Anatomy Dissection Lab**

**Skills Labs**

Active Learning

**OSCE Suites**

**Point of Care Ultrasound**

POCUS – Point of Care Ultra Sound

Butterfly IQ - $2000

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**Curriculum – 29 Months**

**FOUNDATIONS**

1 Semester
Aug - Dec

**DIDACTIC**

3 Semesters
Jan - Dec

**CLINICAL**

3 Semesters
Jan - Dec

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**Didactic Module Phase**

**Spring 1**

- **Modules:** Psychiatry, Dermatology, Hematology/Oncology, ENT/Pulmonology, Cardiology
- **Courses:** Community & Social Medicine, Epidemiology & Biostatistics

**Summer 1**

- **Modules:** GI, GI, Endocrinology, Orthopedics/Rheumatology
- **Courses:** Professional Issues I

**Fall 2**

- **Modules:** Neurology, Emergency Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Geriatrics
- **Courses:** Professional Issues II

Summative Testing and Skills Demonstration
Didactics
Putting it Together

• Case Based Learning
• Team Based Learning
• OSCEs
• Patient Interactions
• Community Outreach

Clinical Year
8 Months Core Rotations
3 Months Electives

8 Core Clinical Rotations

1. Emergency Medicine
2. Family Medicine
3. Hospital Internal Medicine
4. OB/GYN
5. Pediatrics
6. Psychiatry
7. General Surgery
8. Primary Care Directive (IM or FM based on needs)

• One will be outside of Metro Atlanta (housing provided)
• Electronic patient/procedure logging
• End of rotation days every 4 weeks
• PAEA End of Rotation Exams
• Exam Master test questions
• Emory PA National Board Review Course Access

Grady Hospital
800 bed Level 1 Trauma Center, Burn Unit, Stroke Center, Sickle Cell Center, Outpt Surgery Center

Video link https://youtu.be/kdy4GozMTvI

Emory Farmworker Project

• 27th Year, over 38,000 patients served
• 2 weeks in June, 1 fall weekend
• Interdisciplinary care with medical interpreters, PT, RN, MD, Pharm, and Counseling students
Emory Farmworker Project

Student-Run Clinic
- Interdisciplinary training of PA and medical students
- One weekend a month
- Serving the working poor, low income, and uninsured patients

Good Samaritan Clinic

Masters Thesis

3 semester course series

Thesis Paper Presentation Poster

29 Months – Emory PA Graduate

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