

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Department of Family and Preventive Medicine Physician Assistant Program

Emory University Physician Assistant Program

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Comparison


Patient Care Options	MD/DO	Nurse Practitioner - NP	Physician Assistant - PA
<u>Average Annual Salary</u>	Primary Care \$210,500	\$121,000	\$122,000
Licensing	Independent, Supervises team under State Medical Board	Independent license under State Nursing Board	Licensed under physician supervision, under State Medical Board
Years Training	4 yrs College 4 years Medical School 3 - 4 years Residency 12 years total	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	4 years College 2 - 2.5 years PA program 6 years total
Clinical Training	9-10,000 hours	720 hours	2,000 hours
Degree	Medical Doctor -MD or DO	Masters - now moving to Clinical Doctorate	Masters 100%
# programs	136 MD/26 DO	350	303
Specialized certifications, tests	Yes, USMLE 1 and 2 then after residency Locked in specialty	Yes- Board exam, Locked in specialty	Yes- Board exam, Can migrate specialties
Medical Model	Biomedical model	Biopsychosocial nursing model	Biomedical model

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MD vs. PA



MDs are not happy- **Changes in Burnout and Satisfaction With Work-Life Balance in Physicians and the General US Working Population Between 2011 and 2014** - *Mayo Clinic Proceedings* December 2015 Volume 90, Issue 12, Pages 1600-1613 - 35,922 physicians 54.4% (n=3680) of the physicians reported at least 1 symptom of burnout in 2014.





PA Happiness - **Physician Assistant Job Satisfaction: A Narrative Review of Empirical Research** *The Journal of Physician Assistant Education*; December 2015 - Volume 26 - Issue 4 - p 176-186 - Most studies report a high degree of job satisfaction when autonomy, income, patient responsibility, physician support, and career advancement opportunities are surveyed.

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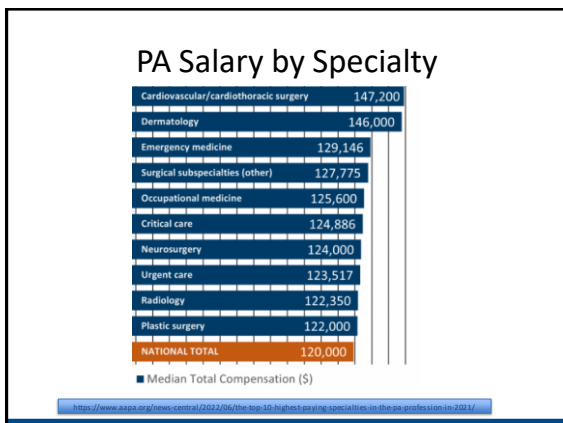
Career as a PA in 2023

Physician Assistant overview

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




 <p>Nurse Practitioner #1 in Best Health Care Jobs Nurse practitioners perform a lot of the same duties as physicians; they perform physical exams, order lab tests and analyze results, prescribe medicines and authorize treatments. These professionals usually have a specialty, such as adult and geriatric health, pediatric health or mental health. READ MORE</p>	<p>Projected Jobs: 112,700 Median Salary: \$120,680 Education Needed: Master's</p>
 <p>Physician Assistant #2 in Best Health Care Jobs Physician assistants diagnose illnesses, develop and carry out treatment plans, assist in surgeries, perform procedures and guide patients. READ MORE</p>	<p>Projected Jobs: 38,400 Median Salary: \$121,530 Education Needed: Master's</p>

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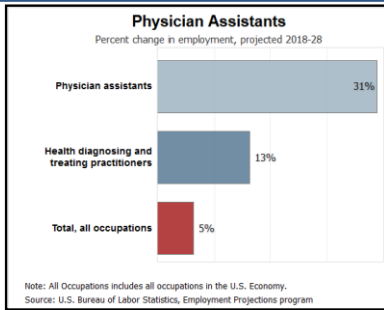
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PA Career

-  **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

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PA Job Growth



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US PA Program Rankings #4 out of 303 schools



Physician Assistant Schools

Duke University Durham, NC #1 in Physician Assistant
Baylor College of Medicine Houston, TX #2 in Physician Assistant
University of Iowa Iowa City, IA #2 in Physician Assistant
Emory University Atlanta, GA #4 in Physician Assistant
George Washington University Washington, DC #5 in Physician Assistant

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ARC-PA Accreditation until 2033

<https://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation/accredited-programs/>

State	University	Accreditation Status	View	Effective Date	Expiration Date
GA	Augusta University	Continued	View	11/1/1973	Jun-29
GA	Brennan University	Provisional	View	9/26/2020	Jun-23
GA	Emory University	Continued	View	9/1/1972	Mar-31
GA	Morehouse University	Continued	View	9/7/2007	Sep-27
GA	Morehouse School of Medicine	Provisional	View	9/26/2018	Sep-23
GA	South University in Savannah	Continued	View	10/1/1997	Sep-25
IA	Des Moines University	Continued	View	4/1/1993	Sep-25
IA	Northwestern College	Provisional	View	6/26/2019	Sep-24
IA	St. Ambrose University	Continued	View	3/7/2014	Mar-29
IA	University of Dubuque	Continued	View	3/12/2016	Mar-31
IA	University of Iowa	Continued	View	2/1/1973	Mar-31
ID	Idaho State University	Continued	View	4/1/1997	Mar-25

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Learn about #EmoryUnited

Physician Assistant Program

Recognized as one of the top five Physician Assistant programs in the country, Emory is proud to lead the way in reshaping patient care in the U.S.

www.EmoryPA.org

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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



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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 4,996 hrs
(Range 2009 – 15,300)
Humanitarian vol. 610 hrs
(Range 0 – 5,337)

Class of 2025

of students 54
Male 15%, Female 85%
Diversity = 37%
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 49 – 9,514)

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Health Care Experience

Medical Assistant	20
EMT	7
CNA	3
ED Clinical Tech	3
Dietitian	2
Radiographic Technologist	2
Vascular Sonographer	2
Research Asst	1
Critical Care Tech	1
Exercise Physiologist	1
Dental Assistant	1
Behavior Tech	1
Maternity Tech/Scribe	1
Occupational Therapist	1
Ortho Tech	1
Paramedic	1
Respiratory Therapy Tech	1
RN	1
Speech Language	1
Pathologist	1
Surgical Tech	1
Therapeutic Staff Support	1
Acupuncturist	1

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Active Learning

Anatomy Dissection Lab



Skills Labs



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Active Learning

OSCE Suites



Point of Care Ultrasound



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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, GU, 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

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Didactics

Putting it Together

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



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Clinical Year

8 Months Core Rotations
3 Months Electives



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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

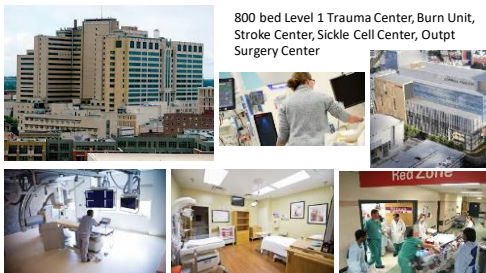
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Academic Health Care System



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Grady Hospital



Video link <https://youtu.be/kdy4GozMTvI>

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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



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Emory Farmworker Project



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Good Samaritan Clinic

Student-Run Clinic

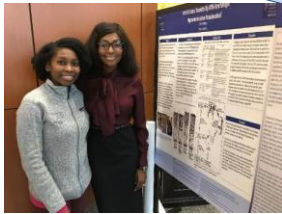
- Interdisciplinary training of PA and medical students
- One weekend a month
- Serving the working poor, low income, and uninsured patients



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Masters Thesis

3 semester course series



Thesis Paper
Presentation
Poster

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29 Months – Emory PA Graduate



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