Emory University
Physician Assistant Program Overview

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Career as a PA in 2023

PA Salary by Specialty

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<th>Specialty</th>
<th>Median Total Compensation ($)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cardiology/atherosclerosis surgery</td>
<td>147,000</td>
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<td>Dermatology</td>
<td>146,000</td>
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<td>Emergency medicine</td>
<td>129,046</td>
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<td>Endocrinology</td>
<td>127,775</td>
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<td>Occupational medicine</td>
<td>125,900</td>
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<td>Critical care</td>
<td>124,846</td>
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<td>Neurosurgery</td>
<td>124,000</td>
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<td>Urgent care</td>
<td>123,317</td>
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<td>Radiology</td>
<td>122,350</td>
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<td>Plastic surgery</td>
<td>122,000</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>120,000</strong></td>
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PA Job Growth

US PA Program Rankings
Learn about Emory United

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 Began
1973: First Graduating Class
1988: 1st Primary Care Masters Degree PA Program in US
2021: 50 Year Anniversary

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 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

1. Any baccalaureate degree from regionally accredited institution. Applicants graduating from international institution must have a minimum of 24 semester credits as a full-time student at a U.S. or Canadian regionally accredited institution.
2. A cumulative and science GPA of 3.0/4.0
3. NO GREs or other tests required
4. CASPA & Supplemental Applications ($70.00 fee)
5. Applicants must meet the Emory PA Program Technical Standards
6. Minimum of 2,000 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 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

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<th>Class of 2024</th>
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<td># of students</td>
<td>54</td>
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<td>Male %</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>Female %</td>
<td>85%</td>
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<td>Diversity %</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<td>Advanced Degree</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Dual Degree MPH:PA</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Veterans %</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>Average Age</td>
<td>25.8 (20 – 41)</td>
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<td>GPA Total</td>
<td>3.73</td>
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<td>Science GPA</td>
<td>3.74</td>
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<td>Health Care Experience</td>
<td>4,996 hrs</td>
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<td>(Range 2009 – 15,300)</td>
<td>(Range 2000 – 33,000)</td>
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<td>Humanitarian vol.</td>
<td>610 hrs</td>
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<td>(Range 0 – 5,337)</td>
<td>(Range 49 – 9,514)</td>
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Health Care Experience

- Medical Assistant: 20
- EMT: 7
- RN: 9
- EEG/Neuropsych: 3
- Lab Tech: 3
- Medical Technology: 3
- Respiratory Therapy Tech: 3
- Speech-Language: 3
- Athletic Trainer: 1
- Dental Assistant: 1
- Pediatrician: 1
- Dialysis Tech: 1
- Occupational Therapy: 1
- Ortho Tech: 1
- Physical Therapist: 1
- Respiratory Therapy: 1
- Veterinary Tech: 1
- Supplies: 1

Why Emory?

Where are Students from?
Holistic Approach to Applications

- Science GPA
- Leadership and Awards
- Narrative Statements
- Health Care Experience
- Undergrad GPA
- Letters of Recommendation
- Mission to underserved
- Volunteer hours
- Interview MMI scores and writing sample

MMI Interview Format

- 6 scenarios (verbal responses) - 7 minutes each + 25 minute writing sample
- Interviewers blinded to CASPA information
- Decreased bias
- Equal opportunity to share yourself

Collaboration

- NO competition in the classroom – everyone helps everyone
- Support for your success
- Buddy system
- Small group society with 2 faculty advisors
- Diverse student body with peer teaching/tutoring

Class Involvement

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<td>President</td>
<td>AAPA Rep</td>
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<td>Vice President</td>
<td>GPA Rep</td>
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<td>Secretary</td>
<td>Interdisciplinary liaison</td>
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<td>Treasurer (2)</td>
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<td>Prevention Med</td>
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<td>Orientation Committee</td>
<td>Historian</td>
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<td>Honor Council (2)</td>
<td>Social Committee</td>
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<td>Farmworkers Rep (2)</td>
<td>Birthday Committee</td>
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<td>Good Sam Coordination (4)</td>
<td>Graduation Committee</td>
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<td>Global Health /EPASI</td>
<td>Public Relations</td>
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<td>Interpersonal sports</td>
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What academic support looks like

- Learning Assessment
- Peer Tutoring
- Professional support services

Active Learning

- Anatomy Dissection Lab
- Skills Labs
Active Learning

OSCE Suites

Point of Care Ultrasound

POCUS – Point of Care Ultra Sound

Butterfly IQ - $2400

Why I chose Emory?

Curriculum

Curriculum – 29 Months

FOUNDATIONS
1 Semester
Aug - Dec

DIDACTIC
3 Semesters
Jan - Dec

CLINICAL
3 Semesters
Jan - Dec
Foundations Phase (Fall 1)

- Anatomy with Dissection Cadaver Lab
- Introduction to Physical Assessment (IPA)
  Complete physical examination
- Foundation of Medical Science (FMS)
  Introduction to pharmacology, genetics, medical microbiology, and ultrasound
- Biomedical Ethics
- Medical Communications
  Complete medical history and documentation

Didactic Modules

- Epidemiology
- Clinical History
- Symptoms & Signs
- Differentials
- Work Up
- Management
  Patient Education

Didactic Modules Threads

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<td>Social Determinants of Health</td>
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<td>Biochemistry</td>
<td>POCUS</td>
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<td>Genetics</td>
<td>Pharmacology</td>
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<td>Immunology</td>
<td>DELP - Patient Encounters</td>
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<td>Microbiology</td>
<td>Skills Labs</td>
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<td>Nutrition</td>
<td>Preventive Medicine</td>
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<td>Physiology</td>
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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

Didactics

PA Practice Courses

1. Community & Social Medicine
2. Professional Issues I – Business of Medicine and systems, licensure, employment
3. Professional Issues II – Team Practice, balance, medico-legal aspects
**Didactics**

**Epi & Biostats**

- Introduction to epidemiology
- How to be a responsible consumer of medical literature!
- Overview of study designs, how studies are conducted, study bias and flaws in medical literature.

**Weekly Learning Society!**

Weekly format: Case discussions, Clinical reasoning, Peer mentoring

**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

**Academic Health Care System**
Grady Hospital

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

Video link: https://youtu.be/kdy4GosMFyI

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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

3 Months of Elective Rotations
May split 1 into 2 two week rotations

- Academic Elective
- Addiction Medicine
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- ENT
- Gastroenterology
- Geriatrics
- Infectious Diseases
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Oncology
- Orthopedics
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Radiology
- Urology
- Etc.
3 semester course series

Thesis Paper
Presentation
Poster

Unique Opportunities at Emory

29 Months – Emory PA Graduate

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