Emory University
Physician Assistant Program

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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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<td>Average Annual Salary</td>
<td>Primary Care $210,500</td>
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<td>Licensing</td>
<td>Independent license under State Medical Board</td>
<td>Independent license under State Nursing Board</td>
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<td>Years Training</td>
<td>4 yrs College, 3 yrs Med School, 2 yrs Residency</td>
<td>2 yrs for NP, 2 yrs Med School</td>
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<td>Clinical Training</td>
<td>12 yrs total</td>
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<td>Degree</td>
<td>B.S. in Med, M.D. or D.O.</td>
<td>Masters in Nursing</td>
<td>Masters in Physician Assistant Medicine</td>
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<td>Programs</td>
<td>350</td>
<td>136</td>
<td>303</td>
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<td>Specialized certifications, tests</td>
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MD vs. PA


Career as a PA in 2023

Physician Assistant Overview

PA Salary by Specialty

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
PA Job Growth

Physician Assistants

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<th>Percent change in employment, projected 2018-20</th>
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<td>Physician assistants</td>
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<td>Health diagnosing and treating practitioners</td>
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<td>Total, all occupations</td>
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Note: All Occupations include all occupations in the U.S. economy. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections program

US PA Program Rankings

#4 out of 303 schools

ARC-PA Accreditation until 2033

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

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: 25.0 (20 – 41)
- GPA: 3.73
- Science: 3.74
- Humanitarian vol. (Range 0 – 5,337): 610 hrs

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: 3.80
- Science: 3.80
- Health Care Experience (Range 2000 – 15,300): 5,462 hrs
- Humanitarian vol. (Range 0 – 9,514): 1,031 hrs
Health Care Experience

- Medical Assistant: 20
- EMT: 7
- CNA: 3
- ED Clinical Tech: 3
- Dietitian: 2
- Radiographic Technologist: 2
- Vascular Sonographer: 2
- Research Assist: 1
- Exercise Psychologist: 1
- Dental Assistant: 1
- Behavioral Tech: 1
- Phlebotomy Tech/Thromb: 1
- Phlebotomy Tech: 1
- Paramedic: 1
- Respiratory Therapy Tech: 1
- RN: 1
- Speech Language Pathologist: 1
- Surgical Tech: 1
- Therapeutic Staff Support: 1
- Acupuncturist: 1

Active Learning

- Anatomy Dissection Lab
- Skills Labs

Active Learning

- OSCE Suites
- Point of Care Ultrasound

POCUS – Point of Care Ultrasound

- Butterfly IQ - $2000

Curriculum – 29 Months

- FOUNDATIONS 1 Semester Aug - Dec
- DIDACTIC 3 Semesters Jan - Dec
- CLINICAL 3 Semesters Jan - Dec

Didactic Module Phase

- Spring 1 Modules: Psychiatry, Dermatology, Hematology/Oncology, ENT/Pulmonology, Cardiology
- Courses: Community & Social Medicine, Epidemiology & Biostatistics

- Summer 1 Modules: Gastroenterology, 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

7 Core Clinical Rotations
1. Emergency Medicine
2. Family Medicine
3. Hospital Internal Medicine
4. OB/GYN
5. Pediatrics
6. Psychiatry
7. General Surgery
- One Rotation will be outside of Metro Atlanta (housing provided)
- Electronic patient/procedure logging
- End of rotation days every 5 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

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, PharmD, and Counseling students

Video link https://youtu.be/kdy4GozMTvI
Emory Farmworker Project

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

Masters Thesis

3 semester course series

Thesis Paper Presentation Poster

29 Months – Emory PA Graduate

What makes a Strong Candidate?

- Solid clinical experience – AT-C, RN, Combat Medic, then EMTs, Respiratory therapies, Radiology, Ultrasound, Med Tech, Counseling, Social work, Speech therapist, 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, Student government

- Honors – Publications, academic awards, community service awards, scholarships,

- 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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