

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 7-9 years 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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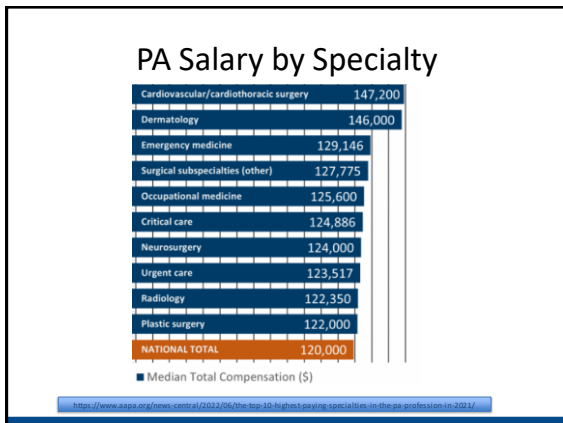
Career as a PA in 2023

Physician Assistant overview

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

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| <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: \$120,600 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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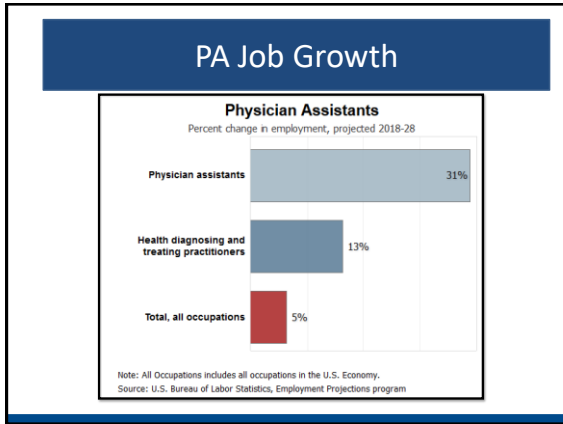


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PA Career

- 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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ARC-PA Accreditation until 2033

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

| State | University | Accreditation Status | View | Start Date | End Date |
|-------|------------------------------|----------------------|------|------------|----------|
| GA | Augusta University | Continued | View | 11/1/1973 | Jun-29 |
| GA | Brenau 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 | 9/28/2018 | 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 | 9/28/2019 | Sep-24 |
| IL | 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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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

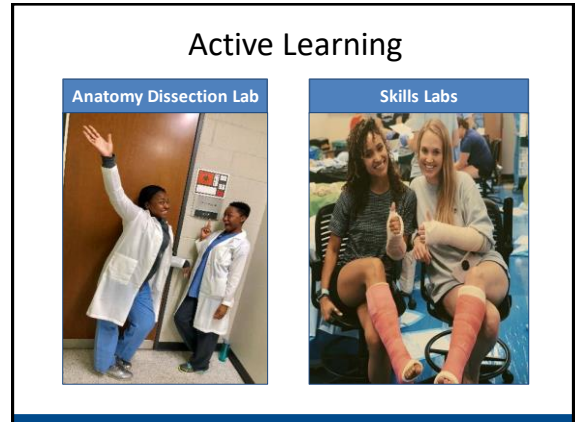
| Class of 2024 | | Class of 2025 | |
|--|----|--|----|
| # of students | 54 | # of students | 54 |
| Male 15%, Female 85% | | Male 15%, Female 85% | |
| Diversity = 24% | | Diversity = 37% | |
| Advanced Degree = 6% | | Advanced Degree = 4% | |
| Dual Degree MPH-PA = 3 | | Dual Degree MPH-PA = 3 | |
| Veterans = 1% | | Veterans = 1% | |
| Average age: 25.8 (20 – 41) | | Average age: 25.2 (22 – 41) | |
| GPA | | GPA | |
| Total 3.73 | | Total 3.80 | |
| Science 3.74 | | Science 3.80 | |
| Health Care Experience 4,996 hrs (Range 2009 – 15,300) | | Health Care Experience 5,462 hrs (Range 2000 – 33,000) | |
| Humanitarian vol. 610 hrs (Range 0 – 5,337) | | Humanitarian vol. 1,031 hrs (Range 49 – 9,514) | |

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Health Care Experience

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| 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 Pathologist | 1 |
| Surgical Tech | 1 |
| Therapeutic Staff Support | 1 |
| Acupuncturist | 1 |

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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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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

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Academic Health Care System



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Grady Hospital

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









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, PharmD, 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

Thesis Paper Presentation Poster

3 semester course series

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29 Months – Emory PA Graduate

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What makes a Strong Candidate?

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Solid clinical experience – AT-C, RN, Combat Medic, then EMTs, Respiratory therapist, Rad Tech, Ultrasound, Med Tech, Counselor, Social work, Speech pathologist, then MA, Scribe Pt Assistant, Clinical research assistant
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Community service – Missions, underserved populations, health care, out of comfort zone, another language
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Leadership – Captain of team, TA, Proctor, team leader, Student government
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Honors – Publications, academic awards, community service awards, scholarships,
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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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