



Physician Assistant

Physician assistants (“PA”) provide health care in the practice area of their supervising physicians. For example, a PA that is supervised by a physician specializing in family practice would provide services in that area as well. Physician assistants perform many of the medical services provided by their physician supervisors. This includes:

- diagnosing and treating human disease, pain, or injury
- educating patients about their health
- prescribing treatments for diagnosed health issues

Education

Completion of a New York State approved program or the substantial equivalent. Most acceptable [department-registered](#) educational programs are at the masters level.

Examination

Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination

- ▶ Visit the [Office of the Professions](#) for a listing of all license options and requirements.

Video



Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$108,610 in the U.S., \$119,090 in NY
- Salary range: \$93,860 - \$131,620
- Project growth: much faster than average

Where Could I Work?

- Medical offices
- Hospitals, healthcare facilities, and healthcare organizations
- Military and government facilities

Your Interests and Abilities

- Basic and medical sciences
- Perform medical procedures
- Manual and technical skills

Professional Skills

- Concern for others
- Attention to detail
- Analytical thinking
- Communication

What Interests You?

Match your interests and personality to career options! Explore a free career tool at mynextmove.org/explore/ip

Tip: try searching for mentoring programs—talk to a physician assistant about what they do and how they got started!