



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

Complete a Department-registered physician assistant licensure program, or accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), or the equivalent at the master’s level (effective 2020).

Examination

Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA).

Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$139,528
- Salary range: \$110,141 - \$156,172
- 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

