

Physician Assistant



Save Time and Money \$\$

Students can decrease the amount of time it takes to become a PA by starting the dual enrollment program in high school. This program allows you to begin your core classes towards this degree!

Job Openings

Greater than Average
Growth Rate: 30%

Salary Expectations

Starting = \$63,000
Average = \$99,000
Top = \$140,000

Skills Needed

Medical Skills

Understanding of Complex Patient Presentations
Investigative and Analytical Mind
Foundational Knowledge

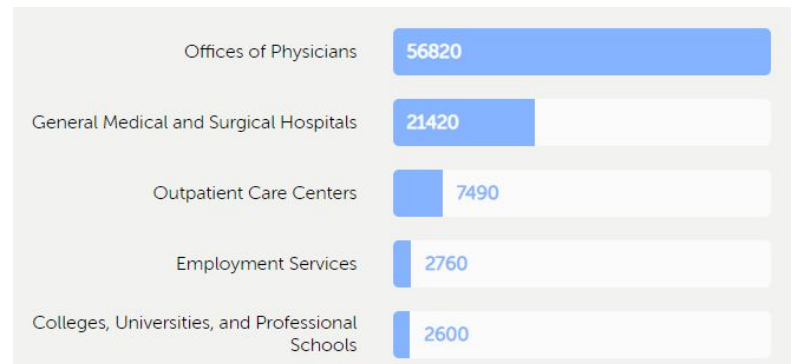
Professional Skills

Self Aware
Responsible
Critical Thinking
Professionalism

Soft Skills

Interpersonal Communication
Stress Management
Detail-Orientated
Compassionate
Independent & Collaborative
Adaptable

Where would I work?



A Day in the Life of a Physician Assistant

Physician Assistants are medical professionals who diagnose, treat, and counsel patients under the supervision of a physician.

As a Physician Assistant, you will work in a hospital, medical office, intensive/urgent care clinic, or a physician's office, providing many of the same patient-care functions as physicians. Individual State laws regulate the specific responsibilities of a Physician Assistant, but most general duties include prescribing medication, performing physicals, administering medicine, and conducting patient consultations. You will give injections, suture wounds, and manage patient infections. You also may assist during surgery, visit patients during hospital rounds, or make house calls. What you do is under the supervision of a medical doctor. In some cases, a doctor who is located off-site and connected via telecommunications might perform the supervision.

Education Needed

A bachelor's degree and some healthcare experience is required for **admission** into a Physician Assistant Program.

To increase your chances of gaining admission to a PA graduate program the bachelors degree should be a B.S. in a science major; such as biology, chemistry, etc.

The **actual PA program is a Master's degree**, which is a 2 year full time program.

There are five accredited on campus programs in the state of Georgia – Augusta University, Mercer University, Emory University, Morehouse, and South University in Savannah.