Emory University
Physician Assistant Program
Virtual Open House

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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 $320,000</td>
<td>$115,700</td>
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<td>Licensing</td>
<td>Independent license under State Medical Board</td>
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<td>Year Training</td>
<td>4 years Medical School + 3-4 year Residency</td>
<td>2 years Nursing School + 2 years Graduate School</td>
<td>2 years Collecting 1-3 years PA program 7 years total</td>
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<td>Clinical Training</td>
<td>10,000 hours</td>
<td>3000</td>
<td>2,000 hours</td>
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<td>Degree</td>
<td>Medical Doctor- MD or DO</td>
<td>Nurse - 4 year evening to Clinical Doctorate</td>
<td>Physician Assistant</td>
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<td>Programs</td>
<td>136 MD/26 DO</td>
<td>350</td>
<td>280</td>
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<td>Specialized certification, boards</td>
<td>Yes, USMLE 1 and 2 then after residency locked in specialty</td>
<td>Yes, Board exam, locked in specialty</td>
<td>Yes, Board exam Can migrate specialties</td>
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<td>Medical Model</td>
<td>Biomedical model</td>
<td>Biomedical model + Biopsychosocial nursing model</td>
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MD vs. PA


PA Job Growth

- 31% over next 8 years - U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics

A Career as a PA

U.S. News Best Jobs Rankings

PA Salary by Specialty
Role of PAs

Working interdependently with physicians - Overlap
- History & physical exams
- Order & interpret studies (ECG, X-ray, CT, labs)
- Assess & diagnose
- Perform procedures
- Prescribing in all 50 states

Migratory
- Any specialty (not anesthesia) without re-training
- MD/NPs are locked in specialties

Other opportunities: Research, Administration, Public Health, Education, Leadership …

Where do PAs practice?

PA Education
- Approximately 139,000 PAs in the US (NCCPA)
- 12,526 PAs are in 17 other countries
- Currently 15,000 enrolled students (PAEAonline.org)

8 in Georgia: Emory, South University - Savannah, South University – Atlanta, Mercer, Morehouse, PCOM – South GA Moultrie, PCOM – Atlanta, Brenau University
- 106 Global Programs

Primary Clinical Specialty

Specialty based on primary employer

106 Global Programs

US PA Program Rankings
Learn about Emory PA

www.EmoryPA.org

Emory’s Beginnings

1967: Inception as Cardiac Care Medical Specialist at Grady Memorial Hospital with J. Willis Hurst, MD
1971: Degree-granting Program Began
1973: First Graduating Class
1988: 1st Primary Care Masters Degree PA Program in US
2021: 50 Year Anniversary

Eugene A. Stead
BS and MD from Emory University
Chairman, Emory Department of Medicine (1942-46)
Dean of School of Medicine (1946-47)

Awards a Master of Medical Science Degree
Focus on Primary Care & medically underserved populations

Emory History Link

Emory PA Program Mission

The Emory Physician Assistant Program recruits, educates, and mentors a diverse group of students to become highly regarded physician assistants providing compassionate health care of the highest quality.

Emory PA Program Goals

1. Support students’ journey to become well prepared, certified PAs by providing a high-quality, evidence-based curriculum and diverse clinical training opportunities
2. Recruit, mentor, and support a diverse student body
3. Promote opportunities for community engaged learning, service, and outreach to underserved populations

Emory Application Requirements

- Baccalaureate degree from regionally accredited institution
- Applicants graduating from international institution must have a minimum of 24 semester credits as a full-time student at a US or Canadian regionally accredited institution
- A cumulative and science GPA of 3.0/4.0
- No GREs or other tests required this cycle
- CASPA & Supplemental Applications ($70.00 fee)
- Applicants must meet the Emory PA Program Technical Standards
- Minimum of 2000 hours direct patient care experience at time of application
Prerequisite Courses

- Statistics - 3 semester credits
- Natural sciences - min 23 semester credits or 34.5 quarter hours – Can be online
  - Biology with lab - 4 semester/6 quarter hours
  - General Chemistry with lab(s) - 8 semester/12 quarter hours
  - Organic or biochemistry, not a survey course - 3 semester/5 quarter hours
  - Anatomy & Physiology (I and II) - 8 semester/12 quarter hours

Applications for class of 2023

- Applicants on CASPA
  - Total Applicants 2071
  - Total Completed 958
  - Interviews 205 over 9 zoom sessions
- Dual Degree
  - Total Class Size 3 (Class of 2024)

Where are you from?

- States

Class of 2022 vs 2023

- Class of 2022
  - # of students 54
  - Male 15%, Female 85%
  - Diversity = 39%
  - Advanced Degree = 24%
  - Dual Degree MPH/PA = 4%
  - Veterans = 4%
  - Average age 25.5 (21 – 54)
  - GPA
    - Total 3.63
    - Science 3.65
    - Health Care Experience
      - 5,336 hrs (Range 2040 – 20,810)
    - Humanitarian volunteer
      - 1,108 hrs (Range 0 – 5,114)
  - GRE
    - Verbal 155
    - Quant 153
    - Analytical 4.3

- Class of 2023
  - # of students 55
  - Male 11%, Female 89%
  - Diversity = 58%
  - Advanced Degree = 19%
  - Dual Degree MPH/PA = 0
  - Veterans = 2%
  - Average age 25.8 (20 – 51)
  - GPA
    - Total 3.63
    - Science 3.65
    - Health Care Experience
      - 5,079 hrs (Range 2040 – 20,810)
    - Humanitarian volunteer
      - 183 hrs (Range 0 – 4,637)
  - GRE
    - Verbal 154
    - Quant 150
    - Analytical 4.4

Health Care Experience

5,079 Hours Average

Clinical Experience
Background & Experience

Direct Patient Care Experience – 2000 hours minimum
- Athletic Trainer
- Clinical Researcher (with patient involvement)
- CNA/MA
- Critical Care Tech
- Dietician
- EMT/Paramedic/EOD Tech
- Exercise Physiologist
- Health Educator/Child Development Specialist
- Nuclear Tech/Diagnostic Radiology Tech
- Nursing – RN
- Physical Therapist, PT aid
- Psychologists/Mental Health Counselor
- Respiratory Therapist
- Scribe
- Social Worker

Community Service: Class of 2023

- Average 819 hours
- > 50 different organizations
  Examples:
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - Free Clinics/Homeless shelters
  - High Risk Youth
  - EMT
  - Food Banks
  - Missions
  - Big Brother/Big Sister
  - Mentors/Teachers
  - Red Cross
  - Etc., etc., etc.

Holistic Approach to Applications

Narrative Statement
GRE Scores
Health Care Experience
Letters of Recommendation
Undergrad GPA
Mission
Interview Day
Academic Potential

Why Emory?

MMI Interview Format

6 short scenarios (verbal responses) - 7 minutes each + 25 minute writing sample
Interviewers are blinded to CASPA information
Decreased bias
Gives most opportunity to respond

Collaboration

NO competition in the classroom – everyone helps everyone
Support for your success
Buddy system
Small group society with 2 faculty advisors
Diverse student body with peer teaching/tutoring

What academic support looks like

In trouble?
*Ask for help early!

Learning Assessment
Peer Tutoring
Professional support services
Peers Faculty

Active Learning

Anatomy Dissection Lab
Skills Labs

Active Learning

OSCE Suites Point of Care Ultrasound

Why I chose Emory

Curriculum

FOUNDATIONS
1 Semester

DIDACTIC
3 Semesters

CLINICAL
3 Semesters
Foundations Phase (Fall 1)

• Anatomy with Dissection Cadaver Lab
• Introduction to Physical Assessment (IPA) – Complete Physical Examination
• Foundation of Medical Science (FMS)
  Introduction to pharmacology, genetics, medical microbiology, and ultrasound
• Biomedical Ethics
• Medical Communications
  The complete Medical History and documentation

Didactic Modules

• Epidemiology
• Clinical History
• Symptoms & Signs
• Differentials
• Work Up
• Management
• Patient Education

Didactic Module Threads

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POCUS – Point of Care Ultra Sound

Butterfly IQ - $2000

Didactic Module Phase

Spring 1
- Modules: Hematology/Oncology, Psychiatry, Dermatology, ENT/Pulmonary, Cardiovascular
- Courses: Community and Social Medicine, Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Summer 1
- Modules: GI, GU, Endocrine, 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
Didactic

Key Semester Courses
1. Community & Social Medicine
2. Professional Issues I – Business of Medicine and systems, licensure, employment
3. Professional Issues II – Team Practice, balance, medico-legal aspects

Weekly Learning Society!
Weekly format: Case discussions, Clinical reasoning, Peer mentoring

Clinical Year
8 Months Core Rotations
3 Months Electives

Didactic

Epi & Biostats
- Introduction to epidemiology
- How to be a responsible consumer of medical literature!
- Overview of study designs, how studies are conducted, study bias and flaws in medical literature.
- Journal Club

Didactic

putting it together
- Case Based Learning
- Team Based Learning
- OSCE
- Patient Interactions
- Community Outreach

Core Clinical Rotations
Emergency Medicine
Family Medicine
Hospital Medicine
OB/GYN
Pediatrics
Psychiatry
General Surgery
Social Determinants of Health (Emory Farmworker Project)
- May be outside of Metro Atlanta (housing provided)
- Electronic patient/procedure logging
- End of rotation days
- PAEA End of Rotation Exams
- Exam Master test questions
- National Board Review Course Access
Academic Health Care System

Grady Hospital

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

Video link: https://youtu.be/kdy4GozMTv

Emory Farmworker Project

- 25th Year, over 38,000 patients served
- 2 weeks in June, 1 fall weekend
- Interdisciplinary care with medical interpreters

Good Samaritan Clinic

Student-Run Clinic
- Interdisciplinary training with PA and medical students
- One weekend a month
- Serving the working poor, low income, and uninsured

Elective Rotations

- Academic Elective
- Addiction Medicine
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- ENT
- Gastroenterology
- Geriatrics
- Infectious Diseases
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Oncology
- Orthopedics
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Radiology
- Urology

Masters Thesis

Thesis Paper Presentation Poster

3 semester course series
Unique Opportunities at Emory

Emory Farmworker Project

29 Months – Emory PA Graduate

What makes a Strong Candidate?

- **Solid clinical experience** - ATC, RN, Combat Medic, then EMR, Respiratory Therapist, EMT, Ultrasound, EMT, Combat Medic, then RN, Social work, Speech pathologist, 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

- **Honors** - Publications, academic awards, community service awards

- **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.

Questions?

#BestDecisionEver

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