Physician Assistants (PAs) are health professionals licensed to practice medicine with physician supervision. Within the physician/PA relationship, PAs exercise autonomy in medical decision making and provide a broad range of diagnostic and therapeutic services. Physician Assistants are trained in such tasks as screening patients, taking histories, performing physical exams, performing developmental screening exams for children, managing emergencies, etc. A physician willing to accept responsibility may assign more complicated therapeutic procedures to the PA who has demonstrated ability.

**American Association of Surgical Physician Assistants (AASPA)**
- Become a PA
- Becoming a PA
- Becoming a Physician Assistant
- Becoming a Physician Assistant Advice
- Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Ransdell Family Health Professions Readiness and Enrichment Program (HPREP)
- Des Moines University Health Professions Advanced Summer Scholars Program (HealthPASS)
- Financing Your PA Education
- Flexibility, Training Help Physician Assistants Forge a Medical Path
- Idaho State University Physician Assistant Admissions Chat Session Schedule (click on "Chat Times")
- Massachusetts Association of Physician Assistants (MAPA);
- Massachusetts PA Programs
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) 24-Month Master of Physician Assistant Studies Program for Qualified Clark Students
- National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)
- Navy Physician Assistant Careers
- PA Application Tips
- PA Fact Sheet
- PA Focus
- PA Foundation Student Scholarships
- PA Program Directory
- PA Program Interview Information
- PA School Interview Questions
- PA Student Interviews
- PA vs. MD: Understanding the Differences Infographic
Paying for PA School
Physician Assistant Applicant Interview Questions
Physician Assistant Career Guide
Physician Assistant Career Overview
Physician Assistant Career Profile
Physician Assistant Career Requirements
Physician Assistant Forum; Shadowing Opportunities
Physician Assistant History Society
Physician Assistant Interview
Physician Assistant Job Profile
Physician Assistant Job Description
Physician Assistant Occupational Outlook
Physician Assistant Programs and Careers
Physician Assistant Salaries
Postbaccalaureate Pre-PA Certificate Program, Keck Graduate Institute
Postbaccalaureate Pre-PA Program, Temple University College of Science and Technology
Shadow a Physician Assistant
Shadowing a Physician Assistant
Shadowing a Physician Assistant Guide
Shadowing for Physician Assistant School
Shadowing Opportunities at Brigham and Women's Hospital
Wayne State U. Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Information Meetings on Physician Assistant Program (first Tuesday of each month)

Degree
P.A.

Program Length
2-3 years

Professional Schools'
Organization
AAPA (American Academy of Physician Assistants)
PAEA (Physician Assistant Education Association)
PAEA PA Program Directory
Physician Assistant Graduate School Programs

Application Service
CASPA (Central Application Service for Physician Assistants); CASPA Facebook
CASPA Participating Programs
Fee Assistance Program
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<th>Academic Admission Requirements</th>
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<td>Prerequisites</td>
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<td>Personal Attributes &amp; Experiences</td>
<td>Most PA programs require health care experience of applicants (e.g., EMT, volunteering in a hospital, orderly, nurse's aide, nurse, etc.). Obtaining phlebotomy training can be a good way to begin acquiring the necessary health care experience. Most programs expect life experience as well as medical experience.</td>
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<td>Interview Agreement with Assumption College PA Program</td>
<td>The Assumption College PA Program will grant an interview to graduates of Clark University who meet the qualifications noted in the student responsibilities below. The PA program maintains the right to verify qualifications, particularly clinical experience, prior to confirmation of an interview offer. No interview will be scheduled until the CASPA application has been released to the PA Program and verified. Assumption College PA Program does not guarantee admission to applicants who qualify for an interview. Students must apply to the Assumption College PA Program via the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA).</td>
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<td>Student responsibilities:</td>
<td>Student is in good standing and on track to graduate within one semester with a BA degree from Clark. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or above. Have a minimum of 500 hours of verifiable “hands on” health care experience. Have a recommendation from an institutional “health professions” committee. Complete PA prerequisite course listed below with a minimum 3.20 GPA, with no grade less than B minus: Biology – 8 credits, must include microbiology Chemistry – 8 credits, must include either Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology – 8 credits Statistics – 3 credits</td>
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Psychology – 3 credits (additional upper-level courses recommended)
Genetics – 3 credits