

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Overview

Graduates of our Physician Assistant (PA) Program will be equipped with the academic, clinical, professional and cultural skills necessary to deliver effective health care services. They will develop critical thinking abilities and be prepared to offer compassionate, comprehensive care to improve the health of their patients and communities in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

Mission

The Penn State College of Medicine Physician Assistant Program's mission is to prepare graduates to be academically, clinically, professionally and culturally competent physician assistants who are devoted to serving patients in their communities through the application of clinical reasoning, critical thinking, and evidence-based practice to deliver compassionate and comprehensive care.

Goals of the PA Program

- Goal 1: To enroll an academically qualified, diverse in thought student body
- Goal 2: To promote the development of critical thinking skills
- Goal 3: To enable graduates to practice competent health care with an emphasis in primary care and/or work in federally designated underserved communities
- Goal 4: To foster the development of patient-centered professional clinicians working as part of an interprofessional team

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GOALS OF THE PA PROGRAM AND HOW SUCCESS IS MEASURED (<https://med.psu.edu/education/degree-programs/pa-physician-assistant/mission-vision-goals/>)