

## Discover How PA's Go Beyond

Attentive, experienced, skillful, and compassionate, PAs (physician associates/physician assistants) devote their lives to providing quality medical care. As licensed clinicians who practice medicine in every specialty and setting, PAs are dedicated to expanding access to care and transforming health and wellness through patient-centered, team-based medical practice.

Quality medical care goes beyond prescriptions and procedures. It's a commitment to putting patients first and going the extra mile to get results. PAs believe communities flourish when each individual is healthy—when a patient's care is personalized and effective, their concerns are heard, their questions are answered, and they are empowered to take charge of their long-term health and well-being.

PA's Go Beyond every day by:

- Leading with experience and expertise
- Listening with compassion
- Empowering patients with personalized, quality care
- Strengthening the core of the healthcare system



## The Impact of the PA Profession

### Leading with experience & expertise.

PAs are experts who complete rigorous medical education and training. They're drawn to this profession because it provides the opportunity to spend meaningful time with patients: listening, collaborating, and healing. They practice in every healthcare setting—hospitals, urgent care centers, outpatient offices, clinics—and they practice medicine in all specialties, from pediatrics to primary care to emergency medicine to palliative care. They are lifelong learners committed to ensuring their patients receive the most comprehensive and current medical care, including preventive care.



**2,000 hours**

Every PA student completes 2,000 hours of clinical rotations over the course of their three academic-year master's degree program.

## Listening with compassion.

PAs know the importance of making sure patients feel heard and respected. That's why PAs advocate for patients: emphasizing patient-centered care while working collaboratively within the healthcare team, prioritizing patients' individual needs, and ensuring they receive focused attention and thoughtful communication at every interaction.

## Empowering patients with personalized, quality care.

PAs are leaders in public health, providing essential preventive care that leads to improved health outcomes and stronger communities. They provide screenings, check-ups, and patient education in order to identify and treat problems early. They empower patients to make informed decisions about their health, communicating information plainly and ensuring no questions are left unanswered.

## Strengthening the core of our healthcare system.

The healthcare system is strained beyond capacity, a problem that will only get worse as the U.S. population grows and ages. As a rapidly growing workforce of rigorously trained clinicians who are valued members of patient-centered, team-based care, PAs increase access to quality medical care for patients across the country.

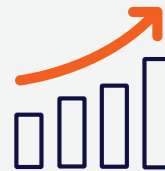


**PAs Go Beyond because they believe expanding access to quality care is more than just a job. It's the idea that inspires them, and the call to service they never tire of answering.**



**It's extremely rewarding to see a patient make progress. Whether they quit smoking, lose weight, lower their blood sugar, or make some other positive change, I get to see it and celebrate it with them at follow-up appointments.**

—Amber Davis, PA-C



## 31% more PAs by 2030

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) projects a shortage of physicians between 37,800 and 124,000 by 2034.

Meanwhile, PA employment continues to grow faster than average for all occupations—there are 150,000 PAs in the United States today, and employment is projected to grow by 31% by 2030.

*(Sources: AAMC June 2021 Report; BLS Occupational Outlook Handbook 2020)*