

WHAT IS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (PA)?

Physician assistants are nationally certified and state-licensed health-care professionals who provide direct patient care and work as part of a physician-led team in delivering a broad range of diagnostic, therapeutic, preventative, and health maintenance services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that the job outlook for physician assistants is very strong. Their estimate is for employment of physician assistants to grow 28 percent from 2021-2031, much faster than the average for all occupations. For more information, visit bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physician-assistants.htm.



Where do physician assistants work?

Physician assistants work in diverse medical and surgical specialties including family and internal medicine, emergency care, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, general surgery and sub-surgical specialties, and mental and behavioral healthcare. PAs work in a wide variety of settings including hospitals, clinics, physicians' offices, and other healthcare facilities. For more information about the profession, visit aapa.org.

How do I become a physician assistant?

A physician assistant will have a four-year undergraduate degree, gain entry and complete a two-year master's program from an accredited institution such as the University of Evansville. At the University of Evansville, our Pre-PA students major in programs such as Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Exercise Science, Neuroscience, Public Health, and Health Service Administration while completing the necessary prerequisite courses for application to PA school. During their time at UE, our students have incredible opportunities to work collaboratively on research projects and internships while also receiving valuable mentoring from UEPA faculty and students.



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