



### PA's don't just see patients. They see you.

PA's (physician associates/physician assistants) are defined by their commitment to putting patients first and using their medical expertise, comprehensive diagnostic skills, and compassion to improve the health of patients and entire communities.

#### What is a PA?

- PA's are licensed clinicians who practice medicine in every specialty and setting. Trusted, rigorously educated and trained healthcare professionals, PA's are dedicated to expanding access to care and transforming health and wellness through patient-centered, team-based medical practice.
- To obtain a license, a PA must graduate from one of the **300 PA programs** in the United States.
- To maintain certification, PA's must complete **100 hours of continuing medical education** every two years.
- PA's practice in every work setting, from hospitals and urgent care centers to outpatient offices and clinics, often serving as a patient's primary care provider. They practice medicine in all medical and surgical specialties, including family medicine, internal medicine, emergency medicine, pediatrics, gerontology, and more.
- PA's have more than **514 million patient interactions** every year.
- PA's believe communities flourish when people are healthy—when their care is personalized and effective, their concerns are heard, their questions are answered, and they're empowered to take charge of their long-term health and well-being.
- **PA's Go Beyond** because they believe expanding access to quality care is more than just a job—it's a call to service.



168,300+ PA's

PA's are one of the fastest-growing healthcare provider professions, with 168,300+ PA's working in communities nationwide.

In 2024, U.S. News & World Report named PA as one of the top two healthcare professions in the country for the seventh year in a row.