

PAs are medical providers who diagnose illness, develop and manage treatment plans, prescribe medications, and often serve as a patient's principal healthcare professional. With thousands of hours of medical training, PAs are versatile and collaborative. PAs practice in every state and in every medical setting and specialty, improving healthcare access and quality.

AT A GLANCE

PA profession established in 1967 of



PAs have more than



patient interactions per year

2017 AAPA Salary Survey

EDUCATION BY THE NUMBERS

Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA), 2018

2,000 hours of clinical rotations

Programs are 27 months or 3 academic years (bachelor's degree is required for acceptance)



To obtain a license, PAs must:



Graduate from an accredited PA program



Pass a certification exam

To maintain their certification, PAs must complete:



100 hours of continuing medical education (CME every two years)



A **recertification exam** every 10 years

CERTIFICATION & LICENSING



PA Profession in the News



Best 100 Jobs List US News & World Report 2018



Best Healthcare Jobs List US News & World Report 2018



25 Highest Paying Jobs In America Forbes



Fastest Growing Jobs in America Bureau of Labor Statistics 2018



*"Attitudes Toward PAs: A 2014 Survey by the American Academy of PAs." The Harris online survey was conducted September 15–22, 2014 among 1,544 adults age 18 and older living in the US, including an oversample of 680 adults who have seen a PA and/or have accompanied a loved one to see a PA in the past 12 months. For full methodology visit aapa.org/media.