



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES (MS)

For the Well-Being of the Whole Person

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Certified physician assistants (PA-Cs) are critical members of any medical team.


These versatile professionals work under the supervision of licensed physicians and have the comprehensive medical and surgical skills to perform in a variety of clinical settings and environments.

Our whole-person approach immerses students in hands-on experiences from the start—providing them with the opportunity to collaborate with peers in other disciplines. Students enrolled in our program interact with patient actors and advanced technologies in preparation for clinical rotations. They also work with real patients at our varied preceptorship locations.

+ Diversity, equity and inclusion remain at the forefront of our mission. PCOM actively nurtures an environment of curiosity and respect, promoting the discovery and celebration of our differences.

**DURING THE LAST
FIVE YEARS,
PHILADELPHIA
COLLEGE OF
OSTEOPATHIC
MEDICINE (PCOM)
GRADUATES ACHIEVED
A 96% FIRST-TIME
PASSING RATE ON
THE PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANT NATIONAL
CERTIFYING
EXAM (PANCE).**





OUR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (PA) STUDIES PROGRAM FOCUSES ON A WHOLE PERSON APPROACH AND IS THE ONLY ONE HOUSED WITHIN AN OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL SCHOOL IN PENNSYLVANIA AND GEORGIA, AND IT HAS RECEIVED ACCREDITATION-CONTINUED STATUS BY THE ACCREDITATION REVIEW COMMISSION ON EDUCATION FOR THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (ARC-PA).

- + STUDENTS COLLABORATE OUTSIDE OF THEIR DISCIPLINE AND LEARN TO WORK AS PART OF A HEALTHCARE TEAM.
- + OUR UNIQUE PROGRAM STRUCTURE EXPOSES PCOM STUDENTS TO AN INTEGRATED, TEAM-ORIENTED APPROACH TO LEARNING.
- + STUDENTS ENROLLED IN OUR SPECIALIZED PROGRAM COLLABORATE OUTSIDE THEIR DISCIPLINES TO PREPARE THEM FOR REAL INDUSTRY PRACTICE.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

PCOM PA Studies graduates have an invaluable foundation that serves them as they serve those who seek care.

Our twenty-six-month PA Studies program consists of five consecutive terms (fourteen continuous months) of classroom instruction, and four consecutive terms (twelve continuous months) of clinical rotations, in multiple medical disciplines.

Students enrolled in our program study anatomy and learn how to perform key medical techniques. Our Clinical Learning Assessment Center (CLAC)/ Simulation Center provides hands-on training with patient simulators as well as standardized patient actors.

REQUIRED ROTATIONS: PA Studies students experience six-week rotations in: emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, prenatal/ gynecology, general surgery, pediatrics and behavioral medicine.

ELECTIVE ROTATIONS: In addition to the seven core rotations, we offer students the opportunity to select their own four-week elective rotation in specialties such as: orthopedics, dermatology, trauma and cardiology.

LOCATION

Our PA Studies program is offered at both our PCOM Philadelphia campus and our PCOM Georgia campus.



To find out more about our admissions requirements or to apply, please visit pcom.edu/admissions.

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