Physician Assistants (PAs) 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.

We focus on educating students to treat the complete individual. Our holistic approach will immerse you in hands-on experiences from the start — giving you the opportunity to collaborate with peers in other disciplines. You’ll interact with patient actors and advanced technologies for your clinical rotations. And you’ll work with real patients at our varied preceptorship locations.

As a PCOM PA, you’ll have an invaluable foundation that will serve you as you serve those who seek care.
Students collaborate outside their disciplines to gain experiential learning.

The additional skillsets students gain at PCOM empower them to impact humanity.

Osteopathic medicine emphasizes total wellness — in body, mind and spirit. In every discipline, we learn to treat the whole human by considering physical, environmental and psychological aspects of a problem.

We teach not just how to treat problems but how to prevent them altogether.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine has been at the forefront of medicine for more than a century, and Georgia Campus was founded more than a decade ago with the same underlying principles.

Many PCOM students are highly engaged in their communities through a wide variety of philanthropic efforts and advocacy.
LEARN HOW TO SAVE LIVES — AND CHANGE THEM

Our twenty-six month Physician Assistant Studies program consists of:

• Five consecutive terms (14 continuous months) of classroom instruction
• Four consecutive terms (12 continuous months) of clinical rotations in multiple medical disciplines

In your first fourteen months, you’ll receive a comprehensive foundation in the classroom, which will prepare you for your clinical work and help you develop fundamental problem-solving and communication skills.

You’ll study human physiology and learn how to perform key medical techniques, plus you’ll receive hands-on training in our Clinical Learning Assessment Center (CLAC) with patient simulators as well as standardized patient actors. These experiential learning and proficiency modalities are reflective of actual clinical procedure and practice.

Students at both PCOM campuses have the opportunity to enroll in Physician Assistant Studies.

ELECTIVE ROTATIONS

In addition to the seven core rotations, we offer students the opportunity to select their own four-week elective rotation:

• Orthopedics
• Dermatology
• Trauma
• Cardiology

REQUIRED ROTATIONS

Physician Assistant students experience six-week rotations in the following disciplines:

• Emergency medicine
• Family medicine
• Internal medicine
• Prenatal/gynecology
• General surgery
• Pediatrics
• Behavioral medicine

PA students are prepared to work with both osteopathic and allopathic physicians.

CURRICULUM

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We provide our Physician Assistants with an interdisciplinary education through experiential learning, giving our graduates a distinct advantage. PCOM graduates achieved a 98% first-time passing rate of the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE) over the last five years, beating the national average.

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY STANDING OUT

As a PCOM PA, you’ll possess a holistic healthcare perspective. This combined with thorough hands-on training will set you apart and open doors to unique and varied career opportunities. PCOM graduates are so highly valued and sought after by employers that half pursue active job leads before graduation.

PAs are needed all over the world to serve a diverse range of patients at healthcare centers, including:
- Private practices
- Hospitals
- Nursing homes
- Student health centers
- Rural and urban clinics

Here are some of the renowned medical centers where you’ll find PCOM graduates offering care:
- Yale University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Mayo Clinic
- Fox Chase Cancer Center

Our PA program 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).
PHILADELPHIA CAMPUS
Our main campus is located on the beautiful outskirts of Philadelphia, a city that boasts some of the top hospitals and medical schools in the nation. It’s the perfect environment to build a network and launch a career in the world of healthcare.

GEORGIA CAMPUS
Responding to a need for more medical professionals in the South, Georgia Campus opened in 2005. Our modern facilities offer many resources for students as we train them to become pharmacists, physicians, physician assistants and scientists who focus on the whole person.

Our students are just as committed to the community as they are to their classwork. More than 50 student organizations at PCOM are actively making a difference in people’s lives. And our four PCOM Healthcare Centers serve people who need care in urban areas of Philadelphia and rural Sullivan County. We even have a location on campus to treat community members.

Students at Georgia Campus are deeply involved in the community, volunteering their time and talents to serve, educate and mentor both young and old. The campus is also home to the Georgia Osteopathic Care Center, an osteopathic manipulative medicine clinic, which is open to the public.
We review our applications the same way our students take on challenges — with a holistic approach. Transcripts and test scores are important. However, we evaluate our prospective students as complete individuals.

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

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