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Physician Assistant

What a Physician Assistant does.

Physician Assistants (PA) are medical providers that assist physicians and are trained to diagnose and treat disease(s)/illness(es). In the primary care setting they can write prescriptions, do minor surgical procedures, help physicians in seeing patients, and make referrals to other specialists.

PA's can specialize in a variety of medical fields: family medicine, geriatrics, pediatrics, orthopedics, surgery, etc.
PA's are not licensed independent practitioners. They are under direct supervision of a licensed physician.

For more information, refer to;
- *American Academy of Physician Assistants (aapa.org)*
- *National Commission of Certification of Physician Assistants (nccpa.net)*

Median Annual Wage: $98,000 - $120,000

Becoming a Physician Assistant

- *Explore undergraduate degrees in sciences: biology, chemistry, biochemistry, anatomy, physiology, etc.*
- *Consider a healthcare shadowing/volunteer experience.*
- *Obtain a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.*
- *Obtain a master of science degree from an accredited PA program. Most programs are 2+ academic years including clinical rotations.*
- *Become certified through National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA).*
- *Apply for a state license to practice as a PA.*
- *Maintain state licensure and certification.*

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