# Physician Assistant (PA)

## Key Skills
- Analytical
- Communication/Language
- Critical Reasoning
- Cultural Competencies
- Detail-oriented
- Empathy & Patient Care
- Problem Solving
- Works Well Under Pressure

## Concentrations/Specializations
- Cardiovascular
- Critical Care
- Dermatology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Gastroenterology
- General Surgery
- Hematology
- Immunology
- Infectious Disease
- Internal Medicine
- General Practice
- Obstetrics/Gynecology
- Oncology
- Pathology
- Pediatrics
- Pulmonary
- Rheumatology

## Sample Degrees
- Biological Sciences (BS)
- Chemistry (BS)
- Cognitive Neuroscience (BA)
- Health Sciences + Public Health (MSHS/MPH)
- Nutrition Science (BS)
- Physician Assistant (PA)
- Public Health (BS, MPH)
- Psychology (BA)
- Sociology (BA)

## Sample Occupations
- Medical Assistant
- Physician Assistant
- Professor
- Surgical Physician Assistant

## Possible Work Settings
- Assisted Living Facility
- Children’s Hospital
- Correctional/Detention Facility
- Emergency Room
- Federal Government
- Health Clinic
- Hospice Care Clinic
- Hospital

## Sample Student Orgs
- Delta Epsilon Mu (Pre-Health Fraternity)
- GlobeMed at GW
- GW MEDLife
- GW Partners in Health Engage
- GWU Pre-Health Association
- Student National Medical Association
- Students for One Health

## Sample Employers
- Adventist Healthcare
- AHF Healthcare Center
- Barton Associates
- Capital Women’s Care
- Chartered Health Center
- Children’s National Medical Center
- Community of Hope - Marie Reed Health Center
- DC Central Detention Facility
- Duke Primary Care
- Greater Washington Emergency Physicians
- GW University Hospital
- Howard University Hospital
- Heart Rhythm Society
- Inova Health System
- Indigo Integrative Health Clinic
- International Medical Corps
- Johns Hopkins Medicine
- LifeWorks Advantage
- Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Mary’s Center
- MedGen Urgent Care
- MedStar Health
- National Institutes of Health
- Orthopedic Physician Associates
- Performance Development Group, Inc. (PPDG)
- Sibley Memorial Hospital
- The Meltzer Center
- Veterans’ Administration
- Virginia Hospital Center
- Walter Reed National Military Medical Center
- Weatherby Healthcare
- Whitman-Walker Health

## Professional Orgs
- Accreditation Review Commission on Education for Physician Assistants
- American Academy of Physician Assistants
- National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants
- PA Program Directory
- Physician Assistant Education Association

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