## What is a PA?

PAs (physician associates/physician assistants) are licensed clinicians who practice medicine in every specialty and setting. Trusted, rigorously educated and trained healthcare professionals, PAs are dedicated to expanding access to care and transforming health and wellness through patient-centered, team-based medical practice.

## AT A GLANCE

PAs have more than **PA** profession established in 196 Approximately patient interactions per year PAs in the U.S. 2,000 hours of clinical rotations **EDUCATION** PA Programs in the U.S. The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), 2024 **BY THE** Educated at MASTER'S Programs are 27 months or 3 **NUMBERS** academic years (bachelor's degree **DEGREE** level is required for acceptance) To obtain a license, PAs must: Graduate from an Pass a certification exam CERTIFICATION accredited PA program To maintain their certification, PAs must complete:



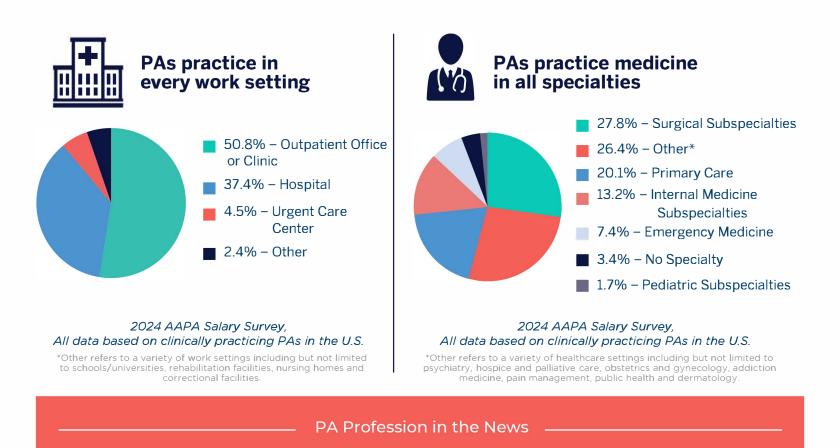
100 hours of continuing medical education (CME after every two years)



A recertification exam every 10 years

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What Patients Say About PAs



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91%

Agree PAs are part of the solution to healthcare workforce shortages 89%

Improve health outcomes for patients 93%

Best STEM

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PAs add value to healthcare teams



\*The research was conducted online in the U.S. by The Harris Poll on behalf of AAPA among 2,519 adults age 18+. The survey was conducted from February 23 – March 9, 2023. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.