



WISCONSIN ACADEMY of PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Advancing Careers. Enhancing Care.



In 1973 PA practice was defined and privileged in the state of Wisconsin.



Studies show that when PAs practice to the top of their education and experience, hospital readmission rates, lengths of stay and infection rates decrease.



In 2010, the Affordable Care Act recognized PAs as one of three main primary care providers (PAs, Nurse Practitioners and Physicians). The law also empowered PAs to lead patient-centered medical teams.



PAs are educated in the medical model, similar to physicians. PA training includes rigorous classroom work and over 2,000 hours of clinical education, which is second only to physician's amount of training. There are 5 PA programs in the State of Wisconsin.



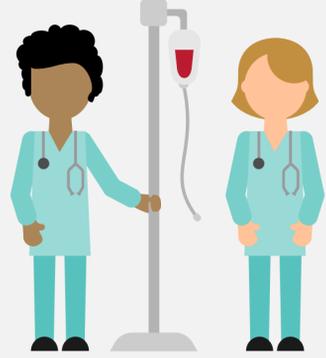
PAs provide a full range of medical care to patients including: taking histories, ordering and interpreting tests, diagnosing, establishing treatment plans, making referrals and writing prescriptions which include schedule II-V medications. PAs practice in every medical setting including specialty care and surgery.

PAs are awarded a Master's degree in medical studies and must take a national certifying exam before applying for licensure to practice medicine.

Every two years a certified PA must complete 100 hours of continuing medical education.



THERE ARE
2,250+
PAs IN WISCONSIN



NUMBER OF PAs
IN THE U.S.
115,000+

WHAT IS A PA?

A PA is a nationally certified and state licensed medical professional

PERCENT OF PAs BY SETTING IN WISCONSIN



51%
Physician
office or Clinic



34%
Hospital
Setting



11%
Other
Settings



4%
Urgent Care



PAs undergo rigorous medical training, based on medical school curriculum, to become licensed or certified. They must also complete extensive continuing medical education throughout their careers.

A Harris Poll found extremely high satisfaction rates among Americans who interact with PAs. Specifically:

93% regard PAs as trusted healthcare providers,

92% said that having a PA makes it easier to get a medical appointment, and

91% believe that PAs improve the quality of healthcare.

WHY BECOME A PA?

Employment of PAs is projected to grow 30 percent from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations. Physicians and surgeons are only expected to see a 17 percent increase in growth. Demand for healthcare services will increase because of the growing and aging population. More people means more need for healthcare providers, and baby boomers will require more medical attention as they age.



■ Projected employment growth for PAs

■ Projected employment growth for Physicians and Surgeons