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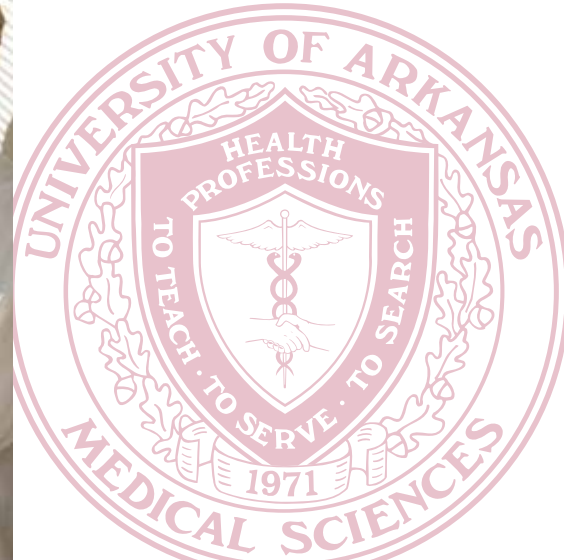
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A PATHWAY TO EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES IN ANY DISCIPLINE OF MEDICINE

Established in 2011, the physician assistant program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) fills a critical need for improving access to medical care in Arkansas. One of the nation's fastest growing fields, the program trains physician assistant students to examine, diagnose and treat patients with the supervision of licensed physicians.

Students earn their Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree through a comprehensive program that prepares them to provide high-quality and compassionate care as part of a physician team.



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Physician Assistants Deliver a Broad Range of Medical Services to Rural and Urban Communities

Physician assistants are trained to:

- Become licensed to practice medicine with the supervision of a physician.
- Practice in numerous areas of medicine and surgery, including family practice, emergency medicine, pediatrics, hospital medicine, cardiology, dermatology, obstetrics/gynecology and several other fields.
- Perform various procedures, including arterial puncture, lumbar puncture, suturing, casting, chest tube insertion and thoracentesis.
- Conduct physical exams, elicit patient histories, assist in surgery, prescribe medication, order and interpret lab tests and counsel patients.

A Patient-Centered, Evidenced-Based Medicine Approach Develops Capable Graduates

- The clinical phase of the program includes 10 core rotations, two elective rotations, a capstone project and a summative evaluation.
- Clinical experiences begin early in the program and include weekly patient cases in small groups and simulation.
- Small class sizes provide a comprehensive, high-quality, patient- and family-centered educational experience.
- A rigorous curriculum prepares students for the national certification examination through the National Commission on the Certification of Physician Assistants.
- The program incorporates service-learning experiences and student-led participation at the UAMS 12th Street Health and Wellness Center to stress the importance of involvement in the community.

A Growing Job Market Means Ample Career Opportunities for Physician Assistants

- Physician assistant jobs are expected to increase by 30 percent through 2024, a growth rate much higher than that of the average occupation.
- Graduates are trained to enter any discipline of medicine, and there are emerging opportunities in a variety of medical settings including clinic, hospital, nursing home, government, education and research.
- Approximately 300 physician assistants practice in Arkansas, with a tremendous need for more, especially in rural areas.
- *U.S. News and World Report* ranks physician assistant fourth in best health care jobs and fifth in the 100 best jobs.

Earn a Master of Physician Assistant Studies

This accredited*, 28-month, full-time professional program prepares students to embark on a career as a physician assistant. The first 13 months of the program consist of an intensive didactic phase that includes classroom, laboratory, seminars and clinical patient encounters. The following 15 months are a clinical phase, which comprises 10 core rotations, two elective rotations, a capstone project and a summative evaluation.