PA employment opportunities include:
- Primary care, including family practice, pediatrics, and internal medicine
- Hospitals
- Emergency rooms
- Urgent care centers
- Nursing homes
- Medical subspecialties, such as cardiology, gastroenterology, endocrinology
- Surgical subspecialties, such as orthopedics, ENT, urology, plastic surgery

Students in the PA program spend their first 15 months on campus, in Syracuse. The remaining 12 months are spent at clinical sites in Central New York communities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the SUNY Upstate Medical Center Physician Assistant Program sponsored by the State University of New York. Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA Standards.

Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process, or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the Standards. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be September 2026. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy.

Physician Assistant Master’s Degree Program
- Established at Central New York’s only medical university.
- Affordable SUNY tuition.

Physician assistants:
- Are highly qualified licensed health care professionals who practice medicine with physician supervision.
- Complete a demanding academic and clinical curriculum.
- Are found in many settings and disciplines.
- Examine, diagnose, and treat patients. This includes: taking the patient’s medical history, performing physical exams, ordering and interpreting diagnostic tests, performing clinical procedures, and formulating plans for managing an illness.
PA students at SUNY Upstate study and train at the only academic medical center in Central New York, one of only 140 in the country.

Our program has dedicated classroom and laboratory space, as well as a state of the art medical simulation lab in the newest academic building on campus. Students practice their patient assessment skills in the PA Skills Lab, and participate in student assessment at our Clinical Skills Center, one of only several such centers in the country. And during their clinical rotations, which include a wide range of medical and surgical disciplines, our students work with experienced community-based preceptors.

Physician Assistants practice medicine with physician supervision in many settings and in various medical and surgical disciplines. The profession is one of the fastest growing careers in the country and includes people with backgrounds in nursing, emergency medicine, the military, sports medicine, exercise physiology and many other health professions.

Our PA program focuses on primary care in medically underserved and rural areas of Upstate New York, although our physician assistant alumni can be found in all areas of medicine and surgery.

We are seeking candidates who will assist us in fulfilling our mission, which involves serving these communities. Although out-of-state applicants are considered, preference will be given to residents of New York State.

Our program has a June start date only. Deadline for applications is December 1.

Information and application instructions for our program can be found on our website at www.upstate.edu/chp/programs/pa/. If you have any questions after review of our website, please contact our Office of Student Admissions at 35-464-4570 or admissions@upstate.edu

SUNY Upstate Medical University is located in Syracuse, the center of New York State. Built around the mission of excellence in education, research and patient care, SUNY Upstate employs more than 9,000 people at its colleges and hospitals and maintains a large network of volunteer faculty in practice settings across the state.