

## Mission Statement



**Program »** Elon Physician Assistant students spend their clinical education phase in private physician offices, clinics, and the hospital setting. Six-week core rotations include primary care, pediatrics, inpatient medicine, general surgery, and emergency medicine. A 3-week rotation in women's health is also part of the core. In addition, students have two 6-week and one 3-week rotations during which they can choose elective rotations such as dermatology, cardiology, hematology/oncology, behavioral medicine and other fields of medical study. Students in the clinical phase will have completed the academic phase of their studies in the classroom and will be well-prepared to start seeing patients in the clinical setting.

**Preceptors** can be any licensed health care provider in your office: MD, DO, PA, CNM or NP. Preceptors should have an interest in educating students and be able to assess students' progress throughout the rotation.

**Rotations** are 6-week (3-week for women's health) clinical experiences during which students are expected to develop and refine their clinical skills. Students will be competent in acquiring the patient history, performing the physical exam, developing a

differential diagnosis and an initial treatment plan. They will have had some practice with counseling patients and education as well as basic clinical skills such as phlebotomy, starting IVs and suturing. Students are expected to follow the schedule of their preceptors, including night call and weekend hours, as scheduled by the preceptors.

**Support »** The Clinical Education staff at Elon University, including Director of Clinical Education Diane Duffy, MD, will support students and preceptors. Any questions or changes in schedules should be directed to the Clinical Education staff at [336.278.6848](tel:336.278.6848) or [dduffy2@elon.edu](mailto:dduffy2@elon.edu)

**Duties of the Preceptor »** The preceptor will provide an appropriate clinical environment and a variety of patient encounters necessary for a productive learning experience. The preceptor will supervise, demonstrate, teach and observe clinical activities in order to aid in the development of clinical skills and to assure proper patient care skills. Additionally, the preceptor will provide ongoing feedback to the student regarding clinical performance and will supply an objective evaluation of the student during and at the end of the clinical rotation.

### Learning

We foster a supportive, collaborative and collegial community that engages students in a learner-centered environment, appropriately challenges them to capably demonstrate clinical competence, and supports professional development of students and faculty.

### Caring

We promote dialogue on personal and cultural attributes and are accepting of different values, beliefs and perspectives as a valuable addition to our learning community.

We advance patient care by recognizing our first responsibility is to our patients as we integrate the core competencies of the physician assistant profession including: medical knowledge, interpersonal communication skills, patient care, professionalism, practice- and systems-based learning.

We embrace the health care team approach and believe interprofessional, patient-centered care is achieved through collaboration across health professions' disciplines and integration of patient or family preferences with the best available health care practices.

### Serving and Leading

We are dedicated to the advancement of the PA profession and continually seek to develop as professionals. We seek to lead change within health delivery systems that improves patient care, eliminates health disparities and adapts to meet the needs of the ever changing health care environment.

**The Physician Assistant** » Health professional who practices medicine as a member of a team with a supervising physician. PAs conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventive health care, assist in surgery, and prescribe medications.

**Program Accreditation** » The ARC-PA has granted Accreditation - Provisional to the Elon University Physician Assistant Program. Accreditation - Provisional is an accreditation status. The status indicates that the plans and resource allocation for the proposed program appear to demonstrate the program's ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards, if fully implemented as planned. Accreditation - Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status and is limited to no more than five years for any program.

**Program of Study** » Students entering the Department of Physician Assistant Studies will have completed a bachelor's degree and prerequisite courses. The Physician Assistant program at Elon consists of 12 months of academic education followed by 15 months of clinical education. Students will earn their master of science degree in physician assistant studies at the completion of their studies and will be eligible to sit for the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE).



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