Healthcare in America is a multifaceted human endeavor delivered by a team of professionals. Physician Assistants have been a valuable member of this team since the 1970's. As the practice of medicine has evolved, so has the role of the Physician Assistant. Today, hospitals prefer to hire trained, job-ready PAs. In response to this need, the College of Health Sciences and the Department of Physician Assistant Studies has created an Academic Residency Post Graduate education Program.

Why PA Academic Residency Program?

- To educate and prepare PA graduates for transition into specialty practice
- Meeting the community needs for Advanced Care Providers (ACP)
- To prepare the individual to be a team player in a specialty-focused medical care in USA

Benefits of Completing a Residency Program:

Competitive Advantage in Employment

Higher Competency in Specialized Practice

Increased Confidence in Judgment and Technical Abilities



Collaboration for Education

Our goal is to collaborate with hospitals across Kentucky to train PAs to meet the future need. We are considering developing residency programs in orthopedic surgery, family medicine, and other areas of medicine as needed.

Due to our success of the program, we have begun dialogues with other community hospitals who have expressed interest in participating in the program.

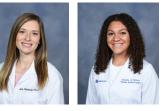
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"Many employers prefer to hire residency-trained PAs."





Current PA Residents





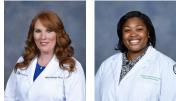














Program Overview

12 month duration

Five Pillars:

- Didactics
- Clinicals
- Research & Scholarly Activity
- Monthly Group Lecture
- Teaching

PA Academic Residency Program

UK Healthcare

Acute Care Surgery & Trauma Critical Care Hospital Medicine Neurology

- Baptist Health in Lexington
 General Surgery
- Baptist Health in Louisville
 Cardiac Surgery
 General Surgery
- Baptist Health in Hardin
 Internal Medicine/Pediatrics

St. Elizabeth Healthcare General Surgery Cardiothoracic Vascular Surgery

St. Claire Healthcare in Morehead Hospital Medicine

King's Daughters in Ashland
 Cardiology

Department of Physician Assistanat Studies

About Us

Started in 1974 as one of the early PA programs in the nation. July 1st 2019 we became our own department within the College of Health Sciences at the University of Kentucky

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