



STEM Careers

Physician's Assistant

Job Description: Conduct complete physicals, provide treatment, counsel patients, and in some cases, provide medication, under the supervision of a physician.

What does a Physician's Assistant do?

- Interpret diagnostic test results
- Make tentative diagnoses and decisions about management and treatment of patients
- Prescribe therapy or medication with physician approval
- Collect, compile, and record patient medical data, including health history, progress notes, and results of physical examinations
- Examine patients to gather information on their physical condition
- Perform procedures such as immunizations, injections, suturing and wound care, and infection management
- Provide physicians with assistance during surgery or complicated medical procedures

Your Interests:

- Are you detail-oriented?
- Do you want to treat patients?
- Do you work well with others?

Outlook: BRIGHT

Average Salary - \$58.43 hourly, \$121,530 annually
Projected Job Openings - 12,200 in the next 10 years

Education/Program of Study:

- A bachelor's degree, or some college credit at minimum, is required to take a Physician's Assistant (PA) Program. Professional medical experience is required for further education
- Degree paths include anatomy, physiology, biology, chemistry, genetics, and related fields

Sources:

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