

Nova Southeastern University
Physician Assistant Program Fort Myers
Mission, Goals, and Outcomes

Mission statement

In keeping with the principles of both Nova Southeastern University (NSU) and the Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences (CHCS) mission statements, the NSU Physician Assistant (PA) Program Fort Myers endeavors to:

- provide an educational experience that emphasizes primary medical care;
- provide health care experiences in medically underserved communities;
- prepare students for lifelong learning;
- prepare students for leadership roles;
- produce PAs who uphold the tenets of professionalism;
- enable graduates to demonstrate competency and skill in a variety of clinical and cultural settings.

Goals

- Produce competent primary care PAs
- Produce PAs with awareness of the challenges of the medically underserved and disadvantaged populations
- Produce PAs who uphold the tenets of professionalism
- Produce PAs from increasingly diverse backgrounds

Mission Supported Goal	Measures of Success	Outcomes
Produce competent primary care PAs	PANCE Performance	Class of 2022 First-Time Taker pass rate– 90% Five-year First-Time Taker pass rate - 95% (as of 12-19-2022)
	Attrition Data	2022 Academic Attrition: 11%
	Preceptor Feedback	Excellent feedback from preceptors regarding the quality of students’ preparation for clinical rotations. Class of 2022 average scores from preceptors were consistently A-, or above.
	Graduate Exit Survey Data	Class of 2022 (N=47) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 96% of all 2022 graduates agree that the Program

		adequately prepared them to practice in primary care medicine.
Produce PAs with awareness of the challenges of the medically underserved and disadvantaged populations	<p>Community Service Involvement</p> <p>Required Rural Rotations</p> <p>Cultural Awareness and Diversity training</p>	<p>Faculty and students participate in the annual Project SEED (Serving Everyone Embracing Diversity) health fair in Immokalee, FL; Community health walks; toy drives for the underserved communities. The program was a 2016, 2017, and 2018 recipient of a Collier Foundation Grant for Project SEED.</p> <p>Every student is required to complete at least one rural/underserved supervised clinical practice experience (SCPE)</p> <p>All students receive instruction and competency testing on cultural issues and diversity as it relates to the medically underserved and disadvantaged</p>
Produce PAs who uphold the tenets of professionalism	Involvement of faculty and students in professional associations	<p>Most PA faculty are fellows in the American Academy of Physician Assistants and the Florida Academy of Physician Assistants, and all faculty are members of the Physician Assistant Education Association.</p> <p>Faculty regularly attend professional association workshops, CME events, and seminars.</p> <p>Students participate in the Sean P. Grimes Student Society, SAAAPA, FAPA, the state and national challenge</p>

		<p>bowls, and are past winners of the CHCS Ethics Bowl.</p> <p>100% of students graduate with sufficient to outstanding competence in professionalism issues.</p>
<p>Prepare students for Lifelong Learning</p>	<p>Professionalism expected and taught throughout curriculum. Tested through OSCE, Competency testing and Preceptor evaluations.</p> <p>Faculty and Student publication, research, and presentations</p>	<p>Faculty and students have been published in JAAPA, JPAE, JAMA and various other publications. One faculty member published a textbook in the field of bioethics. Faculty and students have presented at community events, FAPA, AAPA and PAEA symposiums as well as NSU's Research Day.</p>
<p>Prepare students for Leadership Roles</p>	<p>Alumni Achievements</p>	<p>Provide leadership to AAPA, FAPA, and various other state PA organizations</p> <p>Many Alumni lecture and precept current students</p> <p>Received prestigious postgraduate fellowships from Dartmouth, Yale, Johns Hopkins, Nemours, and others</p> <p>Several Alumni own their own medical practices Alumni are authors, business owners, bloggers, and podcast hosts. See links below</p>
<p>Produce PAs from increasingly diverse backgrounds</p>	<p>Increase diversity in the classroom</p>	<p>Admissions committee seeks applicants from rural and underserved areas as well as diverse backgrounds</p> <p>Program visits local high schools and colleges with message of increasing diversity</p>



Select Alumni Achievements

Floyd Meyer, PA-C, MPH (2017), is author of *Buff Enough: Strategies for busy, purpose-driven people to enhance your health, energy, and impact.*

<https://www.amazon.com/Buff-Enough-Strategies-purpose-driven-enhance-ebook/dp/B07KKPMKPT>

Megan Tetlow, PA-C (2010) is a blogger for the New England Journal of Medicine.

<https://blogs.jwatch.org/frontlines-clinical-medicine/2017/03/23/when-medicine-is-hard/>

Gray Phelps, PA-C (2015) hosts Medgeeks podcasts.

<https://physicianassistantboards.libsyn.com/stories-from-the-emergency-room>

Rodelein Joseph, PA-C (2016) is Founder and CEO of Medsembly, an upcoming application for connecting healthcare workers <https://medsembly.com/about/>

Jimmy Salia, PA-C (2013) is owner of an Urgent care in Cape Canaveral, FL

<https://www.medecmedicalcare.com/meet-our-provider/dr-qazim-salia-mp-pa-c>

Angelia Sakyi-Agyekum, PA-C (2018) is owner and practitioner at Coastal Med Urgent Care in Fort Myers, FL, <https://coastalmedurgentcare.com/>

Samantha Zavada, PA-C (2020) has an Instagram page about PA life with 7k followers

<https://www.instagram.com/sam.in.scrubs/channel/?hl=en>

Sylwia Bareja, PA-C (2007) Poland and Physician Assistants. *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants.* <https://doi.org/10.1097/01.JAA.0000718292.45648.bf>

Adrian Ungureanu PA-C (2010) Owner and practitioner at Redi-Med Walk-in Family Care in Naples, FL, <https://www.redimednaples.com/about-us>