

# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT



**U.S. AIR FORCE**



**APPLY NOW**





From diagnosing flu-like symptoms in a child to rendering emergency wound care on a seriously injured Airman, Physician Assistants (PA) play a critical role in the Air Force's global medical mission. Medical treatment facilities range from outpatient clinics and major medical centers on Air Force bases to deployed mobile hospital units in combat environments and remote locations.

Also, when natural disasters strike around the globe, our healthcare teams are there delivering humanitarian assistance and life-saving care.

# GLOBAL MEDICAL MISSION

## OPTIMUM PATIENT CARE

As an Air Force PA, you'll provide primary or specialty care similar to your civilian counterparts. Our group practice concept allows for optimum patient care supported by an extensive specialty referral network.

Your duties will include obtaining and evaluating medical histories, conducting physical exams, performing therapeutic and diagnostic procedures, ordering lab tests and X-rays, assisting in surgery, prescribing medications and conducting clinical research.

You'll be able to collaborate with other members of your healthcare team on inpatient and outpatient services and coordinate whatever medical care is needed.

## PA SPECIALTIES

**AEROMEDICAL**

**GENERAL SURGERY**

**EDUCATION**

**ORTHOPEDICS**

**EMERGENCY MEDICINE**

**PSYCHIATRY**



## READINESS

With a focus on physical fitness and mental resiliency, Air Force readiness training programs prepare our PA specialists for a full spectrum of military operations ranging from routine medical care in base military treatment facilities to specialized, advanced trauma care in combat environments.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our PAs and healthcare teams were called upon to help fight the virus on military bases and in local communities. The readiness and training our members received played an essential role in efforts to help reduce the spread of the virus.

## ROLE MODEL

As you grow in your PA practice, you'll gain leadership and management skills and serve as a role model for enlisted personnel. You'll also use those skills to inspire and motivate others on your team, and your mentorship expertise will be relied upon extensively.



## PA QUALIFICATIONS

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be between the ages of 18 and 41
- Graduate with a Master of Science (MS) in Physician Assistant/Physician Associate (or equivalent master's/doctorate) program from an institution accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA)
- Be certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)
- Meet Air Force moral and physical requirements
- Be able to obtain the appropriate security clearance level
- Complete Officer Training School (eight-week training program at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama)

(Note: See your recruiter for additional PA-specific qualifications.)





## **CAREER GROWTH**

We'll support you in maintaining your PA certification throughout your career and give you the tools and training needed for your career growth.

When you pursue an advanced degree, our tuition assistance program will pay up to 100 percent of your costs. Additionally, if you qualify and are selected for specialty training, the Air Force will enable you to attend full-time clinical and classroom fellowships at no cost to you without losing your salary or benefits.

As a healthcare professional and officer, you'll be encouraged to pursue leadership roles in organizations associated with your specialty. There's no need to worry about the costs of attending seminars or conferences. The Air Force has that covered.

## **HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

If you're in college or planning to attend college to pursue your degree and PA certification, you may qualify for the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP). It covers tuition, fees, books and laboratory expenses. You'll also receive a monthly allowance for living expenses.

Once you graduate, you'll owe the Air Force a minimum active-duty obligation of three years or one year for each year of scholarship (whichever is greater). See your recruiter for more information on the HPSP.

## QUALITY OF LIFE

Being a member of our Air Force family means taking care of your family as well. The Air Force is committed to a work-life balance that enhances your quality of life and allows you to devote more time to your family.

Whether you decide to make the Air Force a career or spend a few years serving your country, make the most of your time in the military by taking advantage of our many opportunities and benefits.

## BENEFITS

- An excellent starting salary with regular pay raises with the possibility of accession/retention bonuses and special pay
- Routine promotion eligibility milestones
- 30 days of vacation with pay each year
- Comprehensive medical and dental care
- Tax-free food and housing allowances
- Live, work and travel worldwide
- Low-cost life insurance
- Generous retirement system with the Thrift Savings Plan similar to a 401(k)

(Note: The above Air Force benefits are available to those serving full-time. Not all benefits are available for part-time service. See your recruiter for more details.)



## SERVE YOUR WAY, FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME

You can choose one of several paths that allow you to serve either full-time or part-time. No matter which path you select, you'll become a member of our total Air Force family. For more information, contact a recruiter today. Visit **WWW.AIRFORCE.COM** or call **1-800-423-USAF**.



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