



What is a PA?

PAs (physician associates/physician assistants) are licensed clinicians who practice medicine in every specialty and setting. Trusted, rigorously educated and trained healthcare professionals, PAs are dedicated to expanding access to care and transforming health and wellness through patient-centered, team-based medical practice.

AT A GLANCE

PA profession established in

1967 



Approximately
168,300
PAs in the U.S.

NCCPA, 2023.



1,050+
PAs in Nevada

AAPA 2022 Salary Survey

In Nevada a typical PA completes

70 

patient interactions per week

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EDUCATION BY THE NUMBERS



303 PA Programs in the U.S.

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), 2023



2,000 hours of clinical rotations



Programs are **27 months or 3 academic years** (bachelor's degree is required for acceptance)



Educated at

MASTER'S DEGREE level

To obtain a license, PAs must:



Graduate from an **accredited PA program**



Pass a **certification exam**

To maintain their certification, PAs must complete:



100 hours of continuing medical education (CME after every two years)

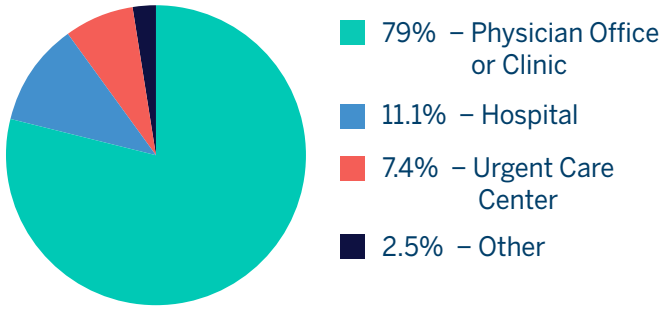


A **recertification exam** every 10 years

CERTIFICATION & LICENSING



PA's practice in every work setting in Nevada

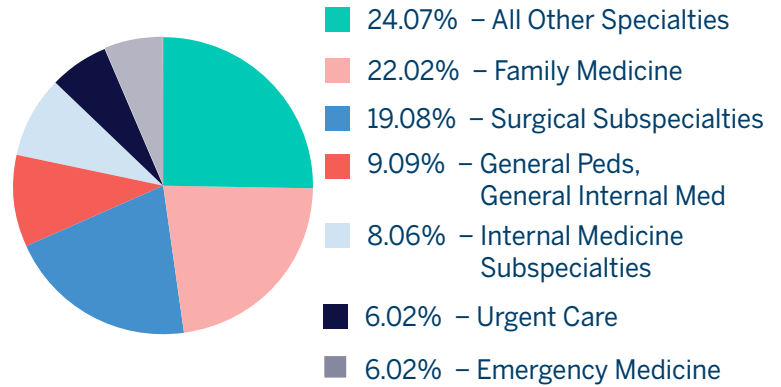


2022 AAPA Salary Survey, All data based on clinically practicing PAs in the U.S.

*Other refers to a variety of work settings including but not limited to schools/universities, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes and correctional facilities.



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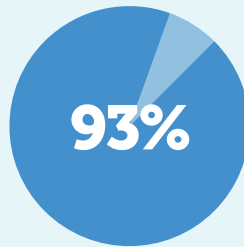
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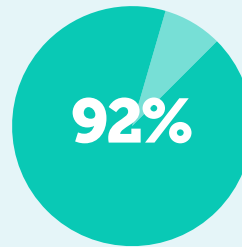
What Patients Say About PAs



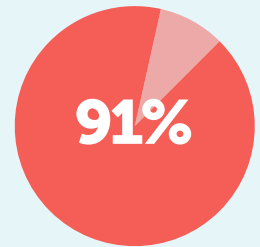
2014 Harris Poll*



PA's are trusted healthcare providers



Having a PA makes it easier to get medical appointments



PA's improve the quality of healthcare

PA Profession in the News



#4
Best 100 Jobs List

U.S. News & World Report 2023



#2
Best Healthcare Jobs List

U.S. News & World Report 2023



#4
Best STEM Jobs List

U.S. News & World Report 2023



*"Attitudes Toward PAs: A 2014 Survey by the American Academy of PAs." The Harris online survey was conducted September 15–22, 2014 among 1,544 adults age 18 and older living in the US, including an oversample of 680 adults who have seen a PA and/or have accompanied a loved one to see a PA in the past 12 months. For full methodology visit aapa.org/media.