

Physician associates/physician assistants (PAs) 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

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**Approximately** 

178,700

PAs in the U.S.

NCCPA 2024

Ohio PAs typically complete

**50**  $\alpha$ 



patient interactions per week

AAPA 2024 Salary Survey



State Medical Board of Ohio



Number of PA programs in Ohio

**17** 

TO OBTAIN A LICENSE, PAs MUST:



Graduate from an accredited PA program



Pass a certification exam

TO MAINTAIN THEIR NCCPA CERTIFICATION, PAS MUST COMPLETE:



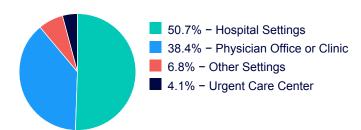
**100 hours** of continuing medical education (CME after every two years)



A recertification exam every 10 years

CERTIFICATION & LICENSING





2024 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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3.3% - General Peds, General IM

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IN OHIO

71.5%

of Ohio PAs would choose their career over again

of PAs are employed by a physician group or Solo Practice

A typical PA is on call

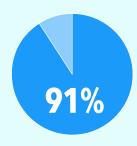
50 hours per month

10.8%

of PAs specialize in primary care

WHAT PATIENTS
SAY ABOUT PAS





Agree PAs are part of the solution to healthcare workforce shortages



PAs improve health outcomes for patients



PAs add value to healthcare teams



\*The research was conducted online in the U.S. by The Harris Poll on behalf of AAPA among 2,519 adults age 18+. The survey was conducted from February 23 – March 9, 2023. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.