



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT URI's Advising Guide

What makes a successful applicant to
graduate programs for Physician
Assistant Studies?



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What is a Physician Assistant (PA)?



Similar Careers

PAs are not to be confused with Nurse Practitioners (NP) and Medical Assistants. Medical Assistants may assist with clerical duties and some minor clinical tasks. Medical Assistants report directly to the major health care provider of the facility (i.e. the physician, ophthalmologist or chiropractor). Nurse Practitioners can be responsible for similar duties as that of a PA, but there are many differences in the training. More details about the differences are discussed [here](#).