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.