Physician Assistant VAMC
Primary Care Residency

The North Florida-South Georgia Veterans Health System – University of Florida Physician Assistant Residency in Primary Care focuses on clinical practice integral to providing exemplary healthcare to the nation’s veterans. This 12 month program helps trainees develop expertise in ambulatory settings such as primary care clinics, emergency/urgent care, and a variety of specialty care areas including oncology, cardiology, diabetes, wound care, and geriatrics. Educational opportunities are also available in women’s health, substance abuse, traumatic brain injury and simulation-based training in medical procedures. PA residents receive a salary and benefits, and enjoy the predictability of a fixed daily schedule with weekends and federal holidays off. This in-depth exposure to the VA care system is the best possible preparation for a career as a future VA team member.

This nation will remain the land of the free, so long as it is the home of the brave.

Admission Requirements

- Graduate of an ARC-PA accredited PA program
- NCCPA certified (or eligible) (Provide official proof of certification)
- Complete application form found on UFSPAS Postgraduate Programs page (Web address below)
- Official Transcripts from PA Program (Sent from Program)
- 3 letters of reference (One from PA program director)
- CV

Time Line

Application Due Date: May 27, 2016
Interview Dates: June 6 – 24, 2016
Final Decision: July 1, 2016
Residency start date: August 8, 2016

Send application and supporting materials to:

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Program Information:
http://pap.med.ufl.edu/about-us-2/post-graduate-programs/

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Program Website:
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Program Mission
To recruit and train highly qualified residents to become exemplary physician assistants with the necessary skills to provide integrated primary care to veterans in need.

Program Description
PA Resident(s) rotate through a 12 month schedule.
Throughout the year the PA Resident(s) will have his/her own assigned weekly continuity clinic in Primary Care and the Diabetes Center of Excellence. In addition, the PA Resident(s) will participate in a year-long longitudinal mentoring, assessment and interdisciplinary curriculum that will be augmented by rotation specific content. In addition to didactic lecture, the Resident(s) will participate in Journal Club, Grand Rounds, and other rotation specific conferences.
Rotation opportunities are also available in the facility’s Interdisciplinary Simulation and Education Center.

Residency Rotations

Inpatient rotations:
- Hospitalist Medicine
- General Surgery (May include surgical subspecialties)

Outpatient/clinic based rotations:
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
  Affiliated with our Diabetes Center of Educational Excellence
- Geriatrics & Palliative Care to include:
  - Geriatric PharmD clinics
  - Dementia Evaluation and Management Clinic
- Psychiatry (6 weeks) to include:
  - Substance Abuse Treatment Therapy
  - Pain Clinic
  - Consult service
- Urgent Care
- Electives to include:
  - Procedure Service
  - Women’s Health
  - Home Based Primary Care
  - Infectious Disease
  - Gastroenterology
  - Hematology/Oncology
  - Nephrology
  - Others depending on availability

Weekly continuity clinics:
- Primary Care
- Diabetes Education
- Anticoagulation

**Most rotations are 8-5 with no call, nights or weekends.

Benefits
- Train in the practice of evidence based primary care medicine at a tertiary care, academic affiliated institution while learning how to better serve those that have served us
- Salary: Associated Health Fellow I annual stipend
- Health insurance
- Term life insurance
- Federal vacation and sick leave
- Federal service time credit given