

KING'S COLLEGE

WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

Physician Assistant Studies

There you are sitting in the examining room at your doctor's office patiently waiting for your physician to walk in with your chart in hand. As the door opens, you expect to be greeted by your physician. Instead, the person who is carrying your chart is not your doctor but a physician assistant.

Physician assistants, more commonly referred to as PAs, allow doctors to provide care to a larger volume of patients by performing many of the services previously reserved for physicians. While PAs assist physicians in primary care by performing physical exams, ordering diagnostic tests, establishing preliminary diagnoses and prescribing medicine, PAs are also trained to work in all subspecialties of medicine including emergency rooms, surgery centers and mental health practices, just to name a few.

PA Studies at King's Program Structure

King's Physician Assistant Studies Program is a five year Master of Science degree program that is composed of two parts: a three-year pre-professional phase and a two-year professional phase.

Pre-Professional Phase

During the pre-professional phase, students gain a thorough understanding of various areas of the sciences via classroom and laboratory learning. Students also complete the courses in the College's core curriculum in this phase. Once a student successfully satisfies

Advanced Practitioner
Healthcare Team
Ethics

the requirements for this part of the program, they matriculate into the professional phase.

Professional Phase

During the professional phase, potential PAs not only gain in-depth knowledge of the physical and behavioral components of numerous areas of medicine, but they also acquire excellent diagnostic and clinical skills through classroom lectures and clinical rotations in various health care settings.

"Throughout a student's experience in the PA program, he or she will be continuously educated on how to interact with patients effectively," explains Dr. Frances Feudale, Director of

the Physician Assistant Studies Program. "But in the final year of the professional phase, students truly get to hone their diagnostic and clinical skills by applying what they have learned when they treat actual patients."

Placement Highlights

Listed below are just a few of our many alumni who have found success:

- **Rebecca Cooper '09** is a family practice PA in Bloomsburg.
- **Brianne Larsen '08** is a cardio-thoracic surgical PA at Cleveland Clinic.
- **Tricia Parks '08** practices in the OB/GYN department at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

To learn more about majoring in Physician Assistant Studies at King's College, please contact the Office of Admission at 1-888-KINGS PA or admissions@kings.edu.