



# School of Medicine



# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM



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# THE TUFTS ADVANTAGE \

**Tufts University School of Medicine — a pioneer in medical education since 1893—educates students to become skilled and dedicated health professionals who want to improve health care for all.**

**Our school is uniquely qualified to train physician assistants through our strong emphasis on clinically-based training that prepares students to begin patient care immediately upon graduation.**

## **TUFTS HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUS**

The program is based in the Boston campus, which is also home to Tufts' Schools of Nutrition, Dental Medicine, and Biomedical Sciences, as well as Tufts Medical Center and the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging. Our central location allows for ample opportunity for interprofessional education.



## DIVERSE CLINICAL TEACHING SITES

Clinical training takes place at a variety of excellent hospitals and practices in greater Boston and the surrounding region. Students participate in a range of clinical experiences that prepare them to begin patient care immediately following graduation.

## STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES

Students are able to practice physical diagnosis and develop technical skills using sophisticated training models and computerized mannequins in our Clinical Skills and Simulation Center—a 15,000-square-foot training facility that houses several simulation and patient exam rooms, three observation/monitoring areas, a 50-person classroom, and a lounge for standardized patients.

## WORLD-RENOWNED FACULTY

Tufts is known for its excellent faculty and student-centered curriculum. The PA program is led by clinicians with a long tradition of patient care experience, both in primary care and specialized areas of practice and have been chosen based on their outstanding teaching records and knowledge in their fields.

*"You won't find a more engaging, supportive, and comprehensive learning experience than Tufts. I have complete faith that every PA that graduates from this program is well-equipped to provide high-quality care to whatever community they choose to serve."*

— **Sophie Dodd (PA '23)**





## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

### **YEAR ONE: DIDACTIC COURSE SEQUENCE**

The first year consists of an intensive 29 course curriculum, extended over three semesters. All courses have a strong clinical orientation, in preparation for rotations that begin in the second year.

### **YEAR TWO: SUPERVISED CLINICAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCES**

In the second year, direct patient exposure and participation in diagnostic,

therapeutic, and health maintenance experiences provide the necessary connection between classroom education and clinical practice. The clinical rotations take place over 12 months at hospitals, clinics, and private practices, and train students in medical skills and patient interaction. Prior to graduation, all students must complete a capstone project. The capstone provides an opportunity for students to conduct an evidence based review in a mentored environment.

# GRADUATE OUTCOMES

**Our graduates consistently have high rates of success in passing the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam on their first try and are employed within six months of graduation.**

## CAREER SUPPORT

Our Career Services Office works with PA students from their first day of the program to support their career goals.

## GROWING PROFESSION

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of physician assistants is projected to grow 31% from 2020 to 2030.

## EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

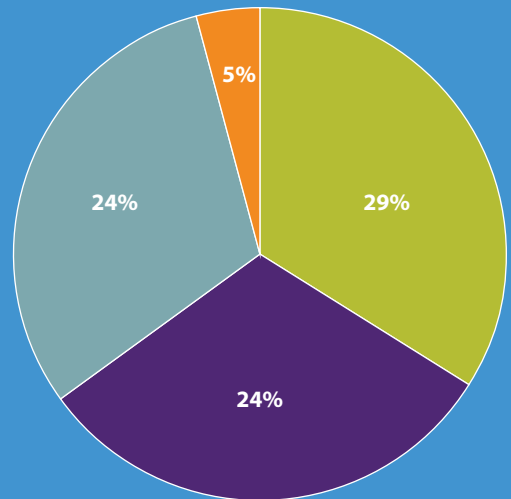
### *Sampling of Employers*

- Boston Medical Center
- Brigham and Women's Hospital
- Cambridge Health Alliance
- Dana Farber Cancer Institute
- Colorado Urology
- Confluence Health
- Massachusetts General Brigham
- Rhode Island Medical Imaging
- Scripps Clinic
- Tufts Medical Center
- VA Boston Healthcare System
- Virginia Spine Institute



*"The Tufts PA program helped prepare me for the primary care environment I wanted to practice in, and offered me the flexibility to choose an elective rotation at a practice site that would set me up for job-hunting success—the primary care program at Tufts Medical Center! By the time I was ready to graduate, I had lots of great contacts at the hospital. This made the application process so much easier, and helped me get the amazing PA job I have today."*  
— **Divya Sahore (PA/MPH '20)**

### Type of Employers



# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS \

## APPLICANTS

A minimum overall science and prerequisite Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 is required. While a science major is not required, students should have sufficient coursework to be prepared for the intensive curriculum. For complete information on how to apply for admission and for application deadlines, visit the website at [go.tufts.edu/PAProgram](http://go.tufts.edu/PAProgram).

## PREREQUISITES

All applicants must complete a bachelor's degree from an accredited college. The courses listed below must have been taken within 10 years prior to application. Courses can be at the undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate level.

- Human Anatomy: 1 semester
- Human Physiology: 1 semester
- General Biology: 2 semesters with labs
- General Chemistry: 2 semesters with labs
- Microbiology: 1 semester with lab
- Statistics: 1 semester

Coursework in biochemistry, psychology, and medical terminology is highly recommended. If AP credit was received or a prerequisite course was taken over 10 years ago, then a higher level course can be used to fulfill a prerequisite. Direct patient care experience is also required (minimum of 1,000 hours) prior to applying, preferably through employment, although some types of volunteer work will be considered.

# CONTACT US \

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