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PA PROGRAM

# *White Coat Ceremony*

May 19, 2023  
Cedarville University  
Cedarville, Ohio

# PROGRAM

Processional March ..... PA Class of 2025

Welcome Invocation ..... Misti Grimson, MD  
*Medical Director and Assistant Professor of PA Studies | PA Program*

Welcome to Cedarville University ..... Thomas Mach, PhD  
*Vice President for Academics and Chief Academic Officer  
Professor of History | Department of History & Government*

Welcome to the School of Allied Health  
and Psychology ..... Michael Weller, EdD, AT, ATC  
*Interim Dean | School of Allied Health and Psychology  
Program Director & Associate Professor of Athletic Training | Master of Athletic Training Program*

Welcome to the PA Program ..... Jason Grahame, MPA, PA-C, DFAAPA (1999)  
*Program Director and Associate Professor of PA Studies | PA Program*

Charge to the Students ..... Wally Boeve, EdD, PA-C, DFAAPA  
*Dean | College of Health Sciences | Des Moines University*

Meaning of the Short White Coat ..... Faye Hodgkin, EdD, PA-C  
*Director of Clinical Education and Associate Professor of PA Studies | PA Program*

Presentation & Donning of the Short White Coat ..... Janice Supplee, PhD  
*Vice President for Marketing & Communications | Dean of Graduate Studies  
Assisted by the PA Program Faculty*

Recitation of the Christian Health  
Professional's Oath ..... Timothy Clark, MSBS, PA-C  
*Principal Faculty & Associate Professor of PA Studies | PA Program*

Closing Remarks ..... L. Delyte Morris, PhD, PA-C  
*Allied Health Program Coordinator | Professor of Allied Health | School of Allied Health and Psychology*

Closing Benediction ..... Megan Fox, MMS, PA-C  
*Director of Didactic Education and Assistant Professor of PA Studies | PA Program*

Recessional March ..... PA Class of 2025

A cake reception will be held following the ceremony in the Event Rooms adjacent to the theatre.

# THE PA CLASS OF 2025

Abigail Alexander  
Julia Anderson  
Lilly Anderson  
Nathaniel Arnold  
Ronnie Arnold  
Jennifer Arriaga  
Aimee Aubut  
Kara Barlow  
Connor Cheung  
Brooke Cole

Krystyl Crisostomo  
Colton Flaherty  
Rebecca Fulmer  
James Gilbert  
Tess Harnett  
John Koslosky  
Adrianna Landrum  
Bethany Lang  
Hannah Marquardt  
Alex McCollum

Emily Ponder  
David Popa  
Ashley Priest  
Natalie Ramirez  
Benjamin Roland  
Wilson Romulus  
Leighann Shanklin  
Matthew Sitrler  
Thanh Tran  
Ashley Young

## PA Program Faculty and Staff

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**Jason Grahame, MPA, PA-C**  
Program Director  
Associate Professor of PA Studies

**Misti Grimson, MD**  
Medical Director  
Assistant Professor of PA Studies

**Megan Fox, MMS, PA-C**  
Director of Didactic Education  
Assistant Professor of PA Studies

**Faye Hodgins, EdD, PA-C**  
Director of Clinical Education  
Associate Professor of PA Studies

**Karen Graham-Burnet, PhD, PA-C**  
Principal Faculty  
Professor of PA Studies

**Timothy Clark, MSBS, PA-C**  
Principal Faculty  
Associate Professor of PA Studies

**Terry Dickson, MD**  
Auxiliary Faculty  
Professor of Biology

**Shelley Honnold, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACVP**  
Auxiliary Faculty  
Adjunct Professor of PA Studies

**Karen Landon, PharmD, RPh**  
Auxiliary Faculty  
Adjunct Professor of PA Studies

**Andrew Straw, PharmD, RPh**  
Auxiliary Faculty  
Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice

**Dennis Sullivan, MD, FACS, MA (Ethics)**  
Auxiliary Faculty  
Professor Emeritus of Pharmacy Practice

**Cathey Kincade**  
PA Program Coordinator

**Cheryl Peak**  
Clinical Year Coordinator

## What is a PA?

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Our national organization (AAPA) states: PAs (physician associates/physician assistants) are licensed clinicians who practice medicine and often in every specialty and setting. Trusted, rigorously educated and trained healthcare professionals, PAs are versatile, collaborative, and dedicated to expanding access to care and transforming health and wellness through patient-centered, team-based medical practice.

## What can PAs do?

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PAs' specific duties depend on the setting in which they work, the level of experience, their specialty, and state laws. In general, PAs can: take medical histories, conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illness, order and interpret tests, develop treatment plans, prescribe medications, counsel on preventative care, perform procedures, assist in surgery, round on patients in hospitals and nursing homes, and do clinical research.

## How are PAs educated and trained?

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The PA educational program is modeled on the medical school curriculum, combining classroom and clinical instruction. The PA course of study is rigorous and intense. The average length of a PA education program is 27 months.

Admission to PA school is highly competitive. Applicants must complete a bachelor's degree to include courses in basic and behavioral sciences as prerequisites to PA school, analogous to premedical studies required of medical students. Most PA programs have the following prerequisites: chemistry, physiology, anatomy, microbiology, and biology. Additionally, due to the compressed nature of the training, most PA programs require or prefer that applicants have prior healthcare experience.

PA education includes instruction in core sciences: anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, microbiology, biochemistry, pharmacology, physical diagnosis, clinical laboratory science, behavioral science, and medical ethics.

PAs also complete more than 2,000 hours of supervised experience in clinical rotations, with an emphasis on primary care in ambulatory clinics, physician offices, and acute or long-term care facilities. Rotations include family medicine, internal

medicine, women's health (obstetrics and gynecology), pediatrics, surgery, emergency medicine, and behavioral medicine.

Practicing PAs participate in lifelong learning. To maintain national certification, PAs must complete 100 hours of continuing medical education every two years and complete a rigorous recertification exam every 10 years.

There are currently 303 accredited PA programs in the United States, all of which award master's degrees. PA education programs are represented by the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA) and accredited through the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA).

## History of the PA profession

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The PA profession was created to improve and expand healthcare. In the mid-1960s, physicians and educators recognized there was a shortage of primary care physicians. To remedy this, Dr. Eugene Stead of Duke University Medical Center put together the first class of PAs in 1965. He selected Navy corpsmen who had received considerable medical training during their military service.

Dr. Stead based the curriculum of the PA program on his knowledge of the fast-track training of doctors during World War II. The first PA class graduated from the Duke University PA program on October 6, 1967...the same day Dr. Stead celebrated his 59th birthday.

The PA concept was lauded early on and gained acceptance and backing federally as early as the 1970s as a creative solution to physician shortages. The medical community helped support the profession and spurred setting accreditation standards, establishing a national certification and standardized examination, and developing continuing medical education requirements.

## Christian Health Professional's Oath:

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With gratitude to God, faith in Christ Jesus, and dependence on the Holy Spirit, I publicly profess my intent to practice medicine for the glory of God.

With humility, I will seek to increase my skills. I will respect those who teach me and who broaden my knowledge. In turn, I will freely impart my knowledge and wisdom to others.

With God's help, I will love those who come to me for healing and comfort. I will honor and care for each patient as a person made in the image of God, putting aside all selfish interests.

With God's guidance, I will endeavor to be a good steward of my skills and of society's resources. I will convey God's love in my relationships with family, friends, and community. I will aspire to reflect God's mercy in caring for the lonely, the poor, the suffering, and the dying.

With God's blessing, I will respect the sanctity of human life. I will care for all my patients, rejecting those interventions which either intentionally destroy or actively end the lives of the unborn, the infirm, and the terminally ill.

With God's grace, I will live according to this profession.

# Congratulations Inaugural PA Class



Blessings on your educational journey  
and vocational calling!



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