



#### Physician Assistant Program Mission Statement

*The mission of the University of New England Physician Assistant Program is to prepare master's level primary care physician assistants to be highly skilled members of interprofessional health care teams. The program is committed to developing clinicians who will provide compassionate, competent, and evidence-based patient centered health care to people of all backgrounds and cultures throughout their lifespans. The program places special emphasis on training clinicians who are knowledgeable about the health care needs of our aging population and have the skills and passion to provide health care to people in underserved rural and urban communities.*

#### Physician Assistant Program Graduate Outcomes

The physician assistant program is rigorous and intense and places specific requirements and demands on the students enrolled.

Graduates of the physician assistant program will be able to:

- Understand the basic sciences of anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology and be able to utilize this knowledge in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases.
  - Understand the principles of pharmacotherapeutics and apply them in the treatment of disease.
  - Elicit a detailed, accurate history and perform a thorough physical examination.
  - Understand how to order and interpret appropriate diagnostic tests in a cost efficient manner.
  - Present patient data and document it appropriately in the medical record.
  - Provide quality acute and ongoing patient care by appropriately delineating patient problems and by formulating and implementing patient management plans, including referrals to other healthcare providers and agencies.
  - Perform or assist in the performance of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, and manage or assist in the management of medical and surgical conditions.
  - Understand the principles of public health and incorporate health promotion and disease prevention into a patient care practice.
  - Use information technology in the provision of quality healthcare and clinical decision-making.
  - Evaluate the medical literature critically and apply this knowledge and the principles of evidence-based medicine to clinical practice.
  - Provide compassionate and competent healthcare to patients of all ages and backgrounds.
  - Understand the medical and social issues that affect the geriatric patient and provide appropriate management of these problems.
  - Counsel patients, their families and their caregivers regarding issues of health, illness and medical care.
  - Understand the historical and contemporary role of the physician assistant in the healthcare system.
  - Participate effectively as a member of an interdisciplinary healthcare team.
  - Understand the principles of patient oriented healthcare and communicate clearly with patients.
  - Identify the special dynamics of providing healthcare to rural or underserved populations.
  - Demonstrate appropriate professional behavior by following the American Academy of Physician Assistants-  
Guidelines for Ethical Conduct for the Physician Assistant Profession
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The degree to which we are successful in meeting our program goals is demonstrated by our graduate outcomes as they are reflected in graduate surveys and pass rates on the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE). Program PANCE pass rate information is listed in the Graduate Performance on Certification Examination heading listed on this webpage. Our Graduate outcomes survey results are covered in the table below. These results reflect our graduates' outcomes as they relate to our Program Goals.

### UNE PA Program Success in Meeting Goals Alumni Surveys

Outcomes	Program Goal	December 2015	May 2018
Program adequately prepared graduates to enter profession	90%	94%	91%
Percent of graduates working:			
Clinically as a PA	95%	86%	100%
In an Urban or Suburban setting	70%	67%	72%
In a Rural setting	30%	33%	28%
In an Underserved area	50%	40%	59%
In a Federally Qualified Health Center	No goal	13%	34%
In Family Practice	35%	23%	31%
In General Internal Medicine	No goal	*	14%
In General Surgery	No goal	11%	6%
In Orthopedic Surgery	No goal	17%	9%
In Surgical Subspecialties	No goal	14%	3%
In Emergency Medicine	No goal	17%	11%
More than 25% of patient in Graduate's Practice are > 65 years old	75%	88%	97%
Percent of patients who are low to middle income	75%	*	97%

- Data not available