

Mission, Goals & Outcomes

Nova Southeastern University Physician Assistant Department – Fort Lauderdale

Mission Statement

To provide a primary care training program designed for, and dedicated to, producing competent physician assistants who will provide quality health care in rural, urban, underserved, and culturally diverse communities; to increase the accessibility of quality health care in the primary care setting; to prepare students for lifelong learning and leadership roles; and to promote the physician assistant profession.

Goals

1. Produce competent primary care physician assistants
2. Improve health care delivery underserved areas
3. Promote the physician assistant profession

Mission Related Goal	Measures	Outcomes <small>*Data presented from last 5 years</small>
Produce competent primary care physician assistants	Attrition Data	Academic Attrition rate 1.5%
	PANCE performance	97% Five Year First Time Taker Average Pass Rate for Program Approximately 45% of alumni practice in primary care
	Graduate Survey Data	100% of graduates agree that the program prepared them well for interviewing patients and performing physical exams. 90-95% of graduates agree that the program prepared them well for developing treatment plans and delivering proper patient education.
	Preceptor Feedback	Excellent feedback from preceptors regarding the quality of students on clinical rotations and their ability to contribute to the health care team.
Improve health care delivery in underserved areas	Graduate Survey Data	15-20% of alumni practice in medically underserved communities
	Student/Alumni	In past five years, three students have received the National Health Service Scholarship or Loan

Promote the physician assistant profession	Feedback	Repayment Program encouraging work in medically underserved communities.
	Involvement of faculty in PA associations	PA faculty hold positions such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Director, Florida Academy of Physician Assistants - Member, PAEA PACKRAT Test Writing Committee - Editorial Review Board Member, Internet Journal of Allied Health Sciences and Practice - Editorial Review Board Member, Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants
	National Faculty presentations	Over past five years, program faculty have delivered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -5 presentations at the PAEA Education Forum -3 presentations at FAPA conferences -6 presentations at the AAAPA Annual Conference -7 presentations at for the National Kidney Foundation - 3 presentations at the NSU Health Professions Educational Research Symposium
	Community Service Involvement	Faculty and Student participation in community service events such as Health Screening at the Miami Lakes Educational Center, AHEC/AMSA Florida Rural Medical Mission for Health, Urban League of Broward County, and the Broward County Medical Reserve Corp
	Alumni Involvement in PA Organizations	Program alumni have a strong leadership presence in FAPA including holding roles as regional directors, AAPA delegates and 4 past presidents