



Fact Sheet 2020

Headquarters Location:

12000 Findley Road, Suite 100
Johns Creek, GA 30097-1409

Year Founded: 1975

Type of Organization:

Not-for-profit organization

Leadership:

Kendra Thomsen, PA-C, MPAS—Chair of the Board of Directors
Robin Hunter-Buskey, DHSc, PA-C — Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Directors
Dawn Morton-Rias, Ed.D, PA-C – President and CEO

Web site: www.nccpa.net

Vision Statement:

Transform the delivery of quality healthcare by certifying qualified Physician Assistants (PAs) through programs that improve patient care while exemplifying a commitment to excellence unparalleled among certifying organizations.

Mission Statement:

To serve the public through exemplary programs that evaluate critical PA competencies and that require the pursuit of life-long learning and improvement.

Physician Assistants Certified by NCCPA: all U.S. states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories rely on NCCPA certification as one of the criteria for initial licensure or regulation of physician assistants. As of Dec. 31, 2019, there were more than 139,000 certified PAs.

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Certification & Programs:

Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE) – initial certification exam. In 2018, 98% of recent PA graduates passed PANCE on their first attempt.

Continuing Medical Education (CME) – required every two years during a ten-year certification maintenance cycle.

Physician Assistant National Recertifying Exam (PANRE) – exam required during the ninth or tenth year of the PA certification maintenance cycle. In 2018, 97% of certified PAs passed PANRE on their first attempt.

Specialty Certificates of Added Qualifications (CAQs) – credentials to effectively document specialty experience and expertise. Available CAQs include:

- Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery CAQ
- Emergency Medicine CAQ
- Hospital Medicine
- Nephrology CAQ
- Orthopaedic Surgery CAQ
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry CAQ

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