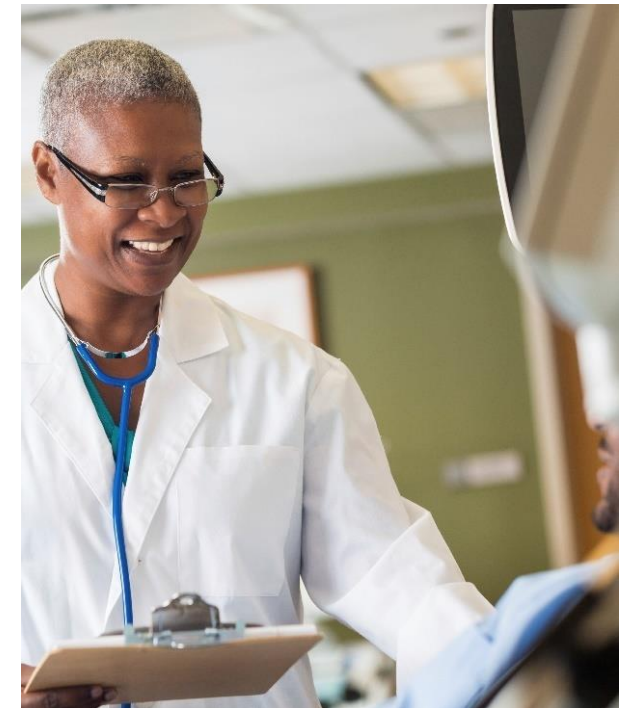


Certified PAs ...

- *Improve Health*
- *Save Lives*
- *Make a Difference*



Certified
PAs Do That!



By Way of
Introduction...

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Presentation Outline

- What is a Certified PA?
- What can they do?
- Where can I find them?

What is a Certified PA (PA-C)?



What is a Certified PA?

- A Certified PA, or **PA-C**, is a **nationally certified and state-licensed medical professional**.
- PAs are valued members of health care teams everywhere medicine is practiced and in every medical and surgical specialty.

“PAs help us provide concierge care without the concierge cost by providing urgent care access six days a week, answering patients' questions daily via our online portal and providing additional access to care and on-site tests.”

- Thomas Bat, MD in *Medical Economics*



PA Education

- Intense, postgraduate level, accredited PA programs
 - Nearly all award master's degrees
 - Average 27 months in length
- Classroom instruction and 2,000 hours of clinical rotations in:
 - internal medicine
 - family medicine
 - surgery
 - pediatrics
 - obstetrics and gynecology
 - emergency medicine
 - geriatric medicine

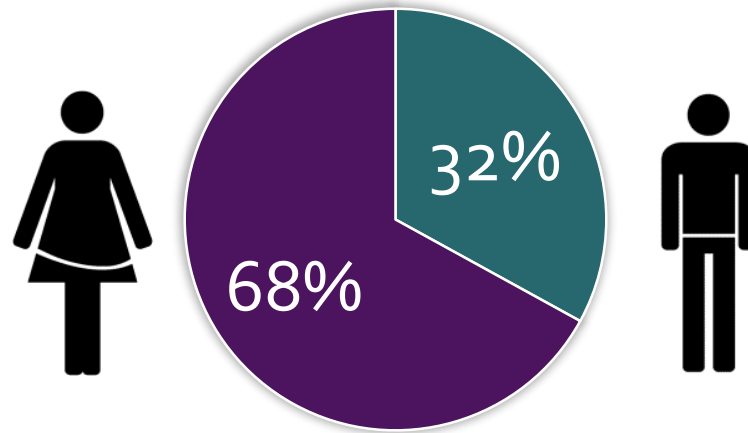


Ongoing Learning and Assessment

- After graduation, pass a rigorous certifying exam to become a “PA-C”
 - Exam covers a broad range of health conditions and diseases across all organ systems and across the patient life span
- Maintain certification throughout the PA career
 - Certified PAs must earn a substantial amount of continuing medical education credits each year.
 - Complete and pass a recertification assessment every 10 years

About Certified PAs

- Approximately 139,000 currently Certified PAs – *and growing!*
- 9,554 new PAs certified in 2019
- It is a young profession; 55% under 40
- 36% were female in 1980; today 69%



What Can Certified PAs Do?



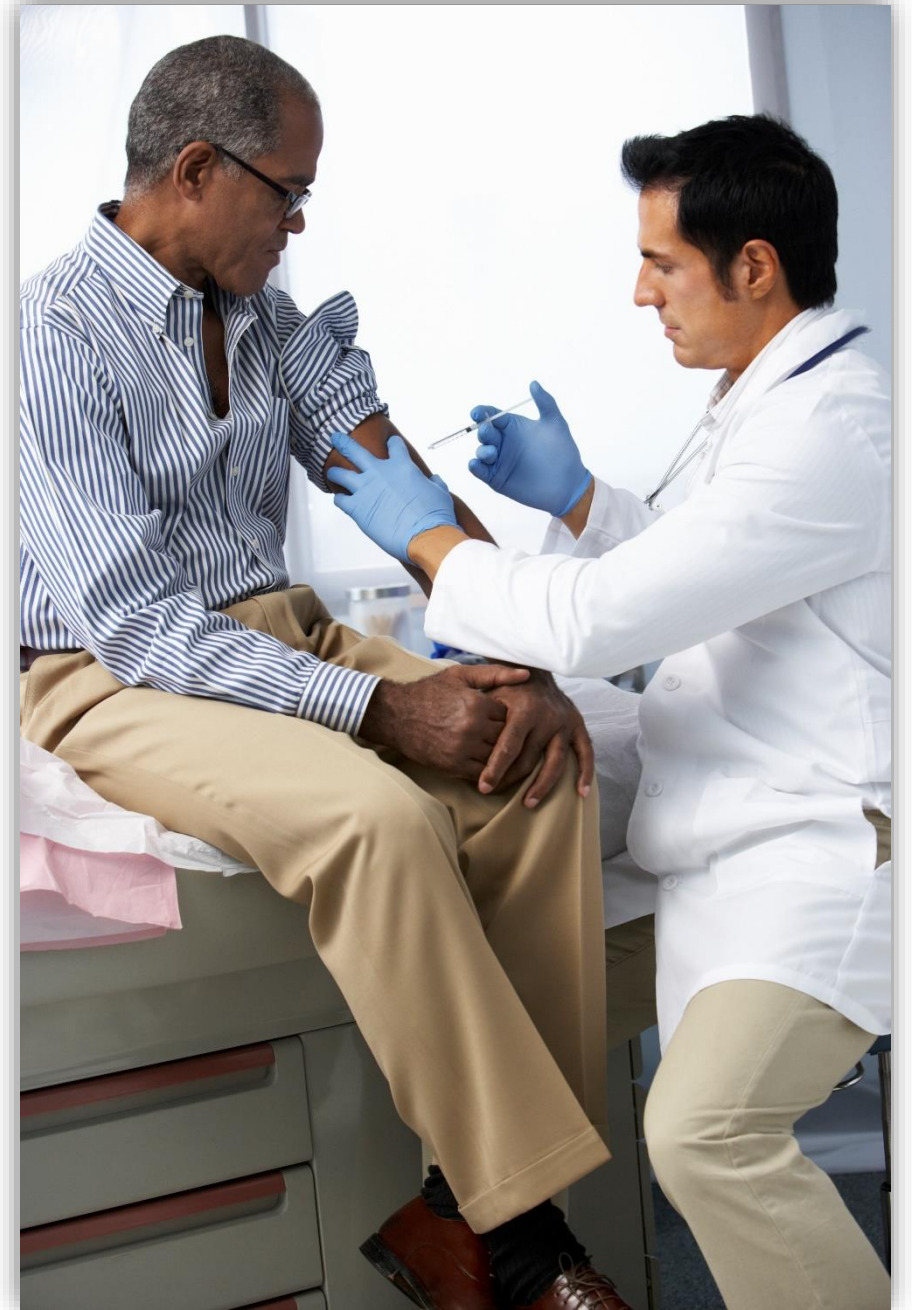
Certified PAs
*practice
medicine.*

- Obtain medical histories
- Examine, diagnose and treat patients
- Order and interpret diagnostic tests
- Recommend and implement treatment plans
- Prescribe medications
- Perform minor surgery and assist in major surgery
- Perform simple and complex medical procedures



Certified PAs
*improve
health.*

- Provide coordination and continuity of care
- Implement preventive health and wellness programs
- Manage the health of populations
- Reduce hospital readmission and infection rates



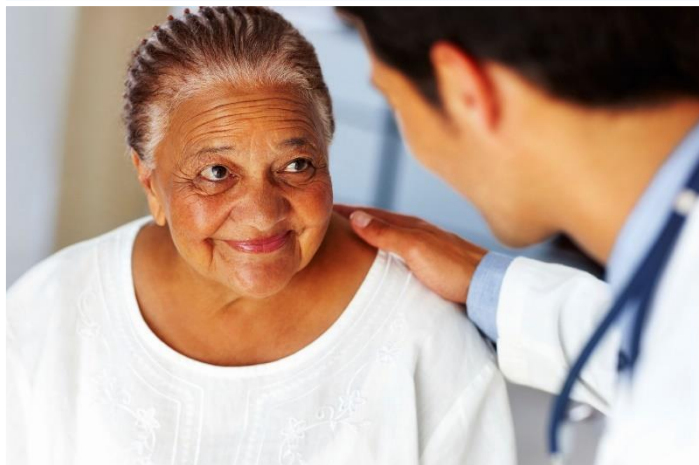
Certified PAs *make a difference.*

- Provide patient education, equipping them to be more active caretakers of their own health
- Build patient satisfaction
- Reduce health care costs
- Improve access to care

“There are increasing demands for care from new patients who were previously uninsured. Many of them have chronic diseases and previously only sought medical care in emergencies. Now they are able to schedule routine visits for management of chronic conditions... We can't sustain a system where only physicians treat these patients.”

– *Francisco Prieto, MD on KevinMD.com*

Where can
I find
Certified PAs?



PA's Practice in *Every Specialty...*

- 25.8% work in primary care: family medicine/general practice, general internal medicine, and general pediatrics.
- 74.2% of Certified PAs work in non-primary care specialties, including:
 - Surgical subspecialties
 - Emergency medicine
 - Hospital medicine
 - Dermatology
 - Obstetrics and gynecology
 - Psychiatry
 - And any other specialty you could name

“People often think of PAs working in primary care, family medicine, and internal medicine, but 70% of PAs work in specialty areas doing high-tech and high-risk procedures.”

– NCCPA CEO Dawn Morton-Rias, Ed.D, PA-C, in *HealthLeaders*

...and *Every
Setting.*

40 Average # of hours
worked/week for Certified
PAs in principal clinical
position

73 Average number of
patients seen/week for all
full-time PAs in principal
clinical position



Hospital



Stadium



Home



Capitol



Barracks



School



Port



Factory

Meet Certified PAs



Amy Klingler
CERTIFIED PA

Klingler is the sole provider at the Salmon River Clinic in Stanley, a rural town located within the Sawtooth Mountains of Idaho.

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Major Karen Salyars
CERTIFIED PA

When asked why she loved being a PA in the Air Force, Salyars says it's because she loves "caring for those who serve our country."

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Cathy Hoelzer
CERTIFIED PA

Hoelzer sacrifices selflessly to bring medical care to remote and dangerous regions such as Jordan, South Sudan, Afghanistan, and more. "We are dedicated to this," she says. "We would rather help those who have the greatest need, and we have found that on this side of the world."

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Barbara Lewis
CERTIFIED PA

Lewis is a pioneer in the treatment of AIDS and in developing a safe community for LGBTQ healthcare.

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Ryan Young
CERTIFIED PA

Young specializes in otolaryngology and facial plastic surgery treating cases ranging from facial deformities to cancers related to the skin. His driving forces in his career is his faith-based commitment to serve others.

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Donna Seton
CERTIFIED PA

Seton provides critical end-of-life and advance care planning, engages in strategic interdisciplinary planning and has taken on a leadership role in education as a palliative and end-of-life care certified trainer, responsible for training other team members.

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Bob McMullen
EDD, PA-C, CERTIFIED PA

McMullen is a tireless, dedicated educator to the next generation of PAs at A.T. Still University in Mesa, AZ, where he is director of assessment. During his "spare time," McMullen and his wife co-founded the non-profit Phoenix Allies for Community Health (PACH) Clinic.

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Krisi Gindlesperger
PA-C, CERTIFIED PA

Gindlesperger sits at the forefront of emergency medicine PAs, holding senior-level positions on several PA and specialty boards, and chartering educational programs that impact not only Certified PAs, but also other advanced care providers.

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