



## Physician Assistant

**Degree Offered:** Bachelor of Natural Science - Health Science Concentration/Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (BS/MS)

The mission of the Daemen College Physician Assistant Program is to educate capable individuals to meet the challenges of providing quality health care services with the supervision of a licensed physician.

**Physician Assistants (PAs) are nationally certified and state-licensed medical professionals.** PAs practice medicine on healthcare teams with physicians and other providers. They practice and prescribe medication in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the majority of the U.S. territories and the uniformed services.

Within the physician-PA relationship, PAs exercise autonomy in medical decision making and provide a broad range of diagnostic and therapeutic services.

### Career Options:

Deliver medical services in doctor's offices, hospitals, urgent care centers, emergency departments, surgical centers, correctional facilities, and more in a variety of specialties including surgery, family practice, psychiatry, orthopedics, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, emergency medicine and others.

### Physician Assistant @ Daemen

- Daemen's program is one of only 236 in the country to be accredited and one of a few that accepts first year students. If you enroll you won't have to reapply – your seat is reserved as long as you meet the academic requirements.
- Many of the lectures are given by board certified physicians.
- The rigor of our program is evident in our 98% first attempt pass rate on the NCCPA Certification Exam.
- You can pursue a variety of clinical experiences including partnerships with hundreds of sites in New York State.
- Clerkships are set up for students by Daemen's own clinical coordinator.

### *Where are recent graduates employed?*

- Buffalo Medical Group
- Dent Neurological Institute
- Excelsior Orthopaedics
- Rochester Regional Health
- Roswell Park Cancer Institute
- University of Rochester Strong Memorial
- Veterans Administration

*did you know...*



Daemen student providing health-care to villages in the Dominican Republic.

Students can participate in a wide range of service learning opportunities, including an annual trip to the Dominican Republic providing healthcare services to local villagers.

Students Without Borders (SWOB) has organized annual trips to the Dominican Republic since 2001. Typically, these January trips provide medical, dental, nutritional, and humanitarian aid to the people in the surrounding villages of San Pedro de Macoris. Over 500 patients receive care during each of these mission trips. The care provided by students is directly supervised by physicians, physician assistants, and dentists.

If you love baseball, we also play a lot of it with the local children and visit the local Winter League team during our trip.

## The Physician Assistant Profession is Growing

The average annual salary for PAs is growing nationally. Clinical Advisor reports an average income of \$105,013. The profession is growing in terms of practitioners, with an estimated 60% increase expected over the next decade. Of the approximate 140,000 PAs that have graduated, 1 in 10 have been licensed to practice in New York.

## Experienced Faculty

Daemen prides itself on our innovative, skilled and proficient faculty, many of whom are board certified and fellowship trained. Our faculty all continue to practice in various areas of medicine. Fulltime faculty have more than 130 years of cumulative clinical experience. A faculty member from Daemen has been a recipient of the New York State Society of Physician Assistants PA Educator of the Year award 6 times since 2005.

- All first year students can apply directly to the Admissions Department at Daemen College.

Successful applicants must demonstrate evidence of strong math and science preparation, knowledge of the profession, and superior interpersonal communication skills.