DOCTOR OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MEDICINE

Lynchburg College is developing a doctoral degree as a post-professional option for students who have graduated from the Lynchburg College Master of Physician Assistant Medicine program (MPAM).

This program is not an entry level doctoral program. Physicians assistants interested in this program must have previously completed the Lynchburg College MPAM degree, completed all of their PA professional education, and successfully passed the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE).

Upon completion of the DPAM program, students will meet and understand the following outcomes and competencies:

1. Understand organizational behavior, especially as it relates to management, leadership, team approach, personal effectiveness, corporate culture, innovation and change.
3. Ability to deal with political aspects, nuances and complexities of the health care system.
4. Ability to motivate and lead highly trained technical people who provide patient care.
5. Knowledge base that allows them a broader choice of career options in PA administration.
6. Discuss important documents and legislation pertinent to disaster management in the United States and their historical context.
7. Define Physician Assistant utilization in triage, pre-hospital patient care, and disaster management.
8. Design and demonstrate a hospital disaster management plan that utilizes PAs to their scope of practice and defines them as a leader in emergency management.
9. Provide a fundamental appreciation for roles and responsibilities in health care teams in different global health settings.
10. Discuss the principles behind values based concepts including human rights, health equity, and ethics, and how they relate to global health issues.
11. Analyze real-world situations facing healthcare providers in order to spot legal issues and formulate options.
12. Evaluate proposed changes in the law and assess their implications for healthcare providers.
13. Recognize situations in which professional legal advice is necessary and communicate effectively with professional legal counsel.
14. Disseminate knowledge through teaching and mentoring students/trainees.
15. Understand and expand knowledge while training within Residency competencies.
16. Provide training in specialized areas of medicine.
17. Develop a greater understanding of clinical medicine and transition generalist training to specialty training.

The DPAM program will consist of nine months and 34 semester credit hours of an intensive clinical fellowship while also completing leadership training with a focus on advancement of the physician assistant profession and healthcare executive training.

### DPAM Curriculum

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