

Physician Assistant



A Career as a Physician Assistant

Physician Assistants are health professionals credentialed to practice medicine with Physician oversight. Physician Assistants practice with a significant degree of autonomy and exercise independent medical decision making, providing a broad range of diagnostic and therapeutic services. Physician Assistants play a vital role in providing invaluable medical treatment and preventative care services to Veterans.

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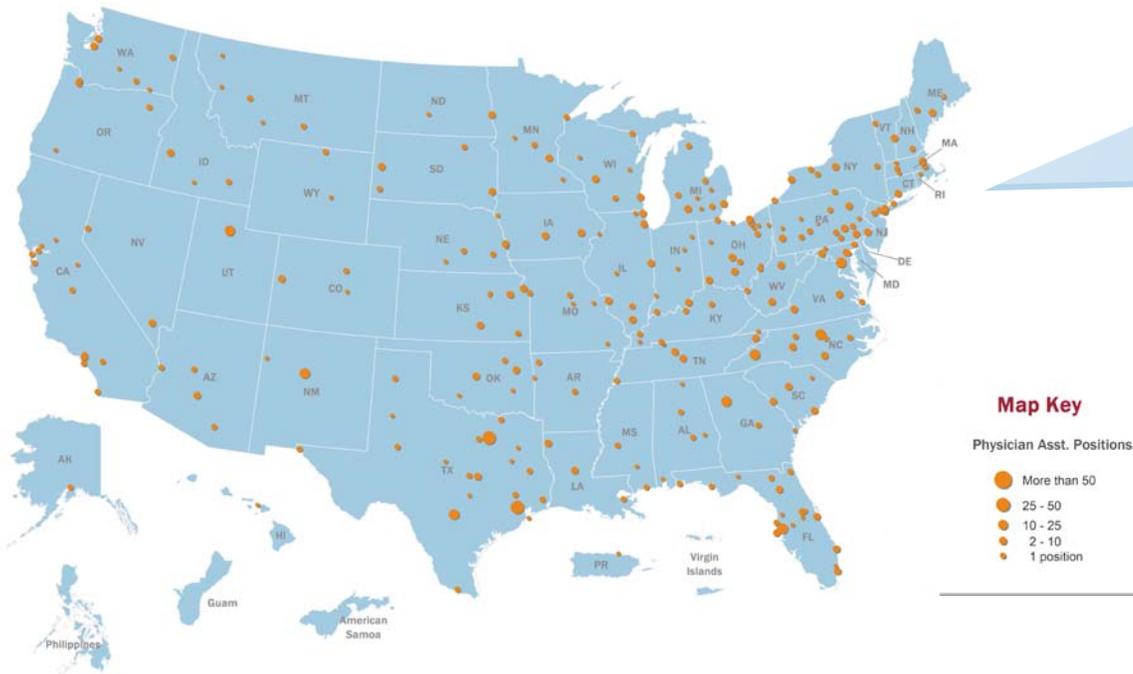
The Physician Assistant series covers positions that involve assisting a physician by providing diagnostic and therapeutic medical care and services under the Physician's guidance. The work requires knowledge of specific observation and examination procedures, and the ability to perform diagnostic and therapeutic tasks. The work does not include the full scope of interpretation of medical findings, which requires the full professional background of the licensed Physician. Physician Assistants assist in the examination and observation of patients by performing such duties as taking case histories, conducting physical examinations and ordering laboratory studies during hospital rounds and clinic visits. As directed by a Physician, Physician Assistants carry out special procedures, such as giving injections or other medications, applying or changing dressings, performing lumbar punctures or suturing minor lacerations. Positions include:

- Physician Assistant

MyCareer@VA

VA is committed to career development and supports employees' ambitions to grow, learn and advance. Building a career at VA is a partnership, and we are dedicated to providing you the career resources and materials you need to achieve success.

The MyCareer@VA program delivers interactive and engaging career development tools to help you explore and chart your long-term career path within VA.



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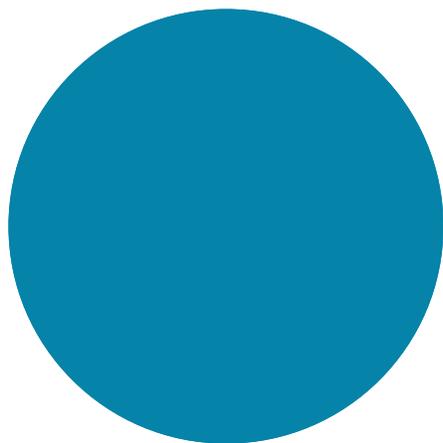
Physician Asst. Positions

- More than 50
- 25 - 50
- 10 - 25
- 2 - 10
- 1 position

Physician Assistant Job Locations

VA's Physician Assistant positions are dispersed across 262 cities within the United States. The top five Physician Assistant occupational family geographic locations are Houston, Texas; Dallas, Texas; Durham, N.C.; Atlanta, Ga.; and Tampa, Fla.

VA Physician Assistant Job Distribution by Administration



Veterans Health Administration: 100%

Total Physician Assistant Employee Population = 1,993

VA's Physician Assistant positions are located in the Veterans Health Administration to meet the broad range of needs facing the Department.

MyCareer@VA Tools and Resources

- ▲ **Career Planning Process** - Develop professional goals and align developmental experiences to VA career opportunities through a four-phase process: Prepare, Plan, Explore and Develop
- ▲ **My Career Mapping Tool** - Map your long-term career path at VA by exploring career possibilities that leverage your knowledge, skills and experience across multiple occupational families
- ▲ **My Career Fit Tool** - Discover your career "fit" at VA by identifying your work interests and work environment preferences
- ▲ **VA Career Guides** - Explore the knowledge, skills, education and training recommended for each VA job and related career levels

VA employees can also visit the VA Talent Management System (TMS), a state-of-the-art online training and employee development system, to search and register for training courses and learning opportunities.