

**AIR FORCE**  
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT



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Whether you're a Physician Assistant (PA) currently in private practice, a student attending a nationally accredited PA school, or a recent graduate, the Air Force can help you achieve your dreams ... and experience new ones! Imagine working in your chosen career, caring for people in our Air Force family while enjoying great pay and benefits — and proudly serving our country worldwide.

The work of Air Force Physician Assistants is quite diverse — from the White House to forward operating bases in the Middle East and many places in between. Our facilities vary from small clinics to large medical centers. You can serve overseas to support our warfighters with the best medical care possible, or respond to natural disasters where people need urgent medical care and treatment.

### **CAREER GROWTH**

Air Force PAs provide primary or specialty medical care similar to their civilian counterparts. Duties include obtaining and evaluating medical histories, performing physical exams, therapeutic and diagnostic procedures, ordering lab studies and X-rays, and prescribing medications.

With the Air Force's emphasis on group practice, our PAs join a professional team of trained healthcare personnel whose talents and expertise ensure patients have the best medical care wherever they're assigned or deployed. As you progress in your training and job experience, you'll take on more responsibility. An Air Force career allows you to grow in your practice, learn leadership skills and work in different environments.

### **TRAINING**

We place a high value on education and training for our military members. After your academic training, you'll enter the Air Force as a fully qualified PA-C (Certified). The Air Force will support you in maintaining your professional certification. After three or four years in the Air Force, you may apply for specialty training in areas such as Emergency Medicine or Orthopedics. If selected, you'll attend a one-year clinical and classroom fellowship to become fully qualified in the specialty.

## **HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

If you're still in college or soon will be, the Air Force offers scholarship opportunities for the PA training program. Contact your Health Professions Recruiter for specific details. This scholarship covers all tuition, books, small equipment items and supplies needed for study, and lab fees. You also receive a monthly allowance for living expenses. Once you graduate, you'll serve a three-year active-duty commitment.

### **LIFESTYLE**

Whether you decide to make the Air Force a career or spend just a few years serving your country, you'll want to make the most of your time in the military, both at work and off duty. How about some of these? Hunting and fishing in Alaska, golfing in Florida, sailing or surfing in Hawaii, museums in Washington, D.C., or the sights and cuisine of the Far East or Europe.



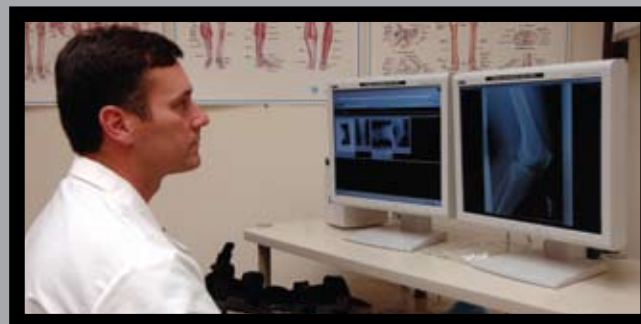
## BENEFITS

As an Air Force officer you have access to these great benefits and more:

- Pay increases with your rank and time in service
- Opportunities for funded, advanced and continued education
- Earn 30 days of vacation with pay each year — starting your first year
- Tax-free housing and food allowances
- Comprehensive medical/dental care for you and your family
- Low-cost life insurance
- Non-contributory retirement after 20 years of qualifying service
- Thrift Savings Plan similar to a 401K
- Eligible for low-cost VA-backed mortgage loans
- Shopping in base grocery and department stores
- Use of recreational facilities such as fitness centers, golf courses and camping areas
- Child care centers and youth activities
- Multicultural environment

*“The Air Force offers a lot of opportunities you won’t find in the civilian sector ... I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve my country.”*

— Major Carol Forrest, Physician Assistant, Reid Clinic, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas



## REQUIREMENTS:

To join our team of Air Force Physician Assistants, you must be:

- a U.S. citizen.
- at least 18 years of age, and commissionable by age 41.
- a graduate of, or enrolled in, a nationally accredited PA program.
- nationally certified (PA-C).
- able to meet the physical and moral requirements.

## CROSS INTO THE BLUE

Become an Air Force Physician Assistant

For more information about Air Force Physician Assistant career opportunities, contact your local Health Professions Recruiter.

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[AIRFORCE.COM/HEALTHCARE](http://AIRFORCE.COM/HEALTHCARE),  
or call 1-800-588-5260.

