

Zoomerang Survey Results

Physicians Assistant Studies Survey 2007

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1. Year You Started the PA Program:

17 Responses

2. Expected Year of Graduation

16 Responses

3. Gender:

Male	10	59%
Female	7	41%
Total	17	100%

4. Ethnicity:

White/Caucasian (non-Hispanic)	16	94%
Black/African American (non-Hispanic)	0	0%
Hispanic/Latino/Mexican American	0	0%
Asian	1	6%
Asian Subpopulations	0	0%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders	0	0%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0%
Unknown	0	0%
Other, Please Specify	0	0%
Total	17	100%

5. Age at Graduation:

Under 20	0	0%
20-23	2	12%
24-26	9	53%
27-29	4	24%
30-33	1	6%
≥34	1	6%
Total	17	100%

6. Employment Status:

Employed as a PA	17	100%
Employed in Another Field	0	0%
Unemployed/Seeking	0	0%
Unemployed/Not seeking	0	0%
Other, Please Specify	0	0%
Total	17	100%

7. Please estimate your starting salary for your first PA position.

17 Responses

8. Please give us your current salary:

17 Responses

9. Do You Recieve Health Insurance?

Yes	16	94%
No	1	6%
Total	17	100%

10. Do You Recieve Dental Insurance?

Yes	13	76%
No	4	24%
Total	17	100%

11. Do You Recieve 401K/Retirement?

Yes	17	100%
No	0	0%
Total	17	100%

12. Professional Dues?

Yes	16	94%
No	1	6%
Total	17	100%

13. Malpractice?

Yes	17	100%
No	0	0%
Total	17	100%

14. CME/Meetings Stipend

Yes	17	100%
No	0	0%
Total	17	100%

15. Please indicate the Clinical Specialty in which you are employed:

Family Medicine	5	29%
General Internal Medicine	2	12%
General Pediatrics	0	0%
Obstetrics/Gynecology	0	0%
Psychiatry	0	0%
General Surgery	0	0%
Emergency Medicine/Urgent Care	2	12%
Industrial/Occupational Medicine	1	6%
Geriatric Medicine	1	6%
Neurology	0	0%
Orthopedics	4	24%
Other Specialty	3	18%
Unknown Specialty	0	0%

16. Medicine Subspecialties:

Medicine Subspecialties:	0	0%
Cardiology	1	25%
AIDS/Infectious Diseases	0	0%
Oncology	1	25%
Other, Please Specify	2	50%

17. Surgical Subspecialties:

Cardiovascular/Cardiothoracic	0	0%
Neurosurgery	1	14%
Other, Please Specify	6	86%

18. Enrolled in Residency Program?

Yes	1	7%
No	14	93%
Total	15	100%

19. From the following, please identify which best describes your practice location:

Central counties of metropolitan areas of 1 million population or more	2	12%
Fringe counties of metropolitan areas of 1 million population or more	0	0%
Counties in metropolitan areas of 250,000 to 1 million population	5	29%
Counties in metropolitan area of less than 250,000 population	0	0%
Urban population of 20,000 or more, adjacent to a metropolitan area	3	18%
Urban population of 20,000 or more, not adjacent to a metropolitan area	3	18%
Urban population of 2,500-19,999, adjacent to a metropolitan area	0	0%
Urban population of 2,500-19,999, not adjacent to a metropolitan area	3	18%
Completely rural (no place with a population of 2,500 or more)	1	6%
Unknown	0	0%
Total	17	100%

20. If you are practicing in an underserved area, please indicate the type below:

Community Health Center	0	0%
Migrant Health Center	0	0%
Health Care for the Homeless Grantee	0	0%
Public Housing Primary Care Grantee	0	0%
Rural Health Sites, Federally Designated	2	18%
National Health Service Corps Sites	0	0%
Indian Health Service Sites	0	0%
Federally Qualified Health Centers	2	18%
Primary Medical Care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSAs)	0	0%
State or Local Health Department	0	0%
Site Designated by State Governor	0	0%
Medically Underserved Area (MUA)	0	0%
Unknown	0	0%
Not practicing in a MUC or MUA	7	64%
Total	11	100%

21. Please indicate your practice type:

Medical center	2	12%
Hospital	6	35%
Large (>50) multispecialty group practice	1	6%
Small (1	6%
Single specialty group practice	2	12%
Single specialty clinic	1	6%
Solo Provider	0	0%
Urgent Care Center	2	12%
Public Clinic	2	12%
Pharmaceutical	0	0%
Research	0	0%
Total	17	100%

Please provide the following information regarding your initial search for employment:

22. Began Search

15 Responses

23. Weeks Before Graduation

14 Responses

24. Number of Contacts Made

15 Responses

25. Number of Resumes/Letters sent

17 Responses

26. Number of Interviews

17 Responses

27. Number of Positions Offered

17 Responses

28. First Day on Job

17 Responses

29. Weeks After Graduation

17 Responses

Have you:

30. Accepted First Position Offered

Yes	10	59%
No	7	41%
Total	17	100%

31. Accepted First Choice Position

Yes	15	88%
No	2	12%
Total	17	100%

32. Seeking Employment

Yes	2	12%
No	15	88%
Total	17	100%

33. Have not attempted to Secure Employment

Yes	3	18%
No	14	82%
Total	17	100%

34. My initial job after Graduation was in:

West Michigan	10	59%
Michigan	5	29%
Midwest	1	6%
East	0	0%
South	0	0%
West	0	0%
Foreign Country	0	0%
Other, Please Specify	1	6%
Total	17	100%

The following were important factors affecting which job I accepted:**35. Location in West Michigan**

Yes	8	47%
No	9	53%
Total	17	100%

36. Location

Yes	15	88%
No	2	12%
Total	17	100%

37. Close to Family and Friends

Yes	13	76%
No	4	24%
Total	17	100%

38. Good salary/benefit Package

Yes	15	88%
No	2	12%
Total	17	100%

39. Enjoyable environment in which to work

Yes	16	94%
No	1	6%
Total	17	100%

40. Quality of physician supervision

Yes	14	82%
No	3	18%
Total	17	100%

41. Level of patient care responsibility

Yes	16	94%
No	1	6%
Total	17	100%

42. Type of practice

Yes	17	100%
No	0	0%
Total	17	100%

Please estimate the number of hours spent weekly on:

43. Patient care

16 Responses

44. Hospital rounds

17 Responses

45. On call

17 Responses

46. Administrative

16 Responses

47. Estimated # patients seen weekly:

17 Responses

48. I took the NCCPA examination in:

Summer Cycle	17	100%
Fall Cycle	0	0%
Total	17	100%

49. I passed the NCCPA examination the first time I took it:

Yes	17	100%
No	0	0%
Total	17	100%

50. I passed the NCCPA examination the second time I took it:

Yes	1	25%
No	3	75%
Total	4	100%

51. Please rate the following questions on the scale from Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree:

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
My GVSU PAS education prepared me for my initial practice.	4 24%	9 53%	0 0%	4 24%	0 0%	0 0%
My GVSU PAS education prepared me for the board examination.	6 35%	7 41%	1 6%	2 12%	1 6%	0 0%
I received value for the investment in my education at GVSU	5 29%	9 53%	0 0%	2 12%	1 6%	0 0%
I received an adequate fund of basic medical science.	5 31%	8 50%	0 0%	2 12%	1 6%	0 0%
I received adequate clinical experience.	3 18%	10 59%	0 0%	4 24%	0 0%	0 0%
I received exposure to a broad range of patients and diseases.	5 29%	8 47%	0 0%	3 18%	1 6%	0 0%
I received adequate training in prevention and health promotion.	4 24%	8 47%	2 12%	2 12%	1 6%	0 0%
I received adequate training in pharmacology.	1 6%	5 29%	4 24%	4 24%	3 18%	0 0%
I received appropriate training in behavioral medicine.	0 0%	7 41%	5 29%	4 24%	1 6%	0 0%
I could perform basic procedures at graduation with confidence.	3 19%	9 56%	2 12%	2 12%	0 0%	0 0%
The medical informatics training I received was appropriate	2 12%	7 44%	5 31%	2 12%	0 0%	0 0%
The management training was helpful in my initial practice.	1 6%	7 41%	6 35%	3 18%	0 0%	0 0%
I received training in coding and reimbursement	1 6%	3 18%	5 29%	4 24%	3 18%	1 6%
The emphasis placed on research at GVSU was appropriate to practice.	1 6%	5 29%	5 29%	2 12%	4 24%	0 0%
The amount of assistance with my job search was just right.	0 0%	3 18%	7 41%	5 29%	0 0%	2 12%
GVSU should provide a placement service.	1 6%	8 47%	5 29%	2 12%	1 6%	0 0%
The career planning office at GVSU was helpful.	0 0%	3 18%	5 29%	5 29%	2 12%	2 12%
I am satisfied with my career choice.	10 59%	4 24%	0 0%	1 6%	2 12%	0 0%

52. Please use the space below for any comments you might have that will assist us in improving the PAS Program at Grand Valley State University. Thank you.

4 Responses