

	PA MEDICINE	MEDICAL SCHOOL (MD/DO)	NP SCHOOL
PREREQUISITE EDUCATION	Bachelor degree 1,000-3,000 hrs patient care GRE/PA College Admission Test (PA-CAT)* <small>*varies per institution</small>	Bachelor degree Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)	Bachelor of Science in Nursing and licensure as an RN (exemptions available)
LEARNING MODEL	Medical Model	Medical Model	Nursing Model
MEDICAL SPECIALTY	General Medicine trained Specialty according to practice agreement standards	General Medicine trained Specialty determined by residency	Single specialty trained (Family, Geriatric, Pediatric, Psychiatry, Women's Health, or Neonatal)
TUITION	\$59,500- \$182,240	\$250,222-\$380,180	\$5,737-\$84,917 (fully online options)
ADMISSION RATES	7%	6.51%	up to 100%
EDUCATION	24-36 consecutive months	32-45 months	12-24 months
CLASSROOM HOURS	1200	1700	500
CLINICAL/CLERKSHIP	2000+ hrs full time	2700+ hrs full time	500 (8-12 hours per week)
MANDATORY CLINICAL ROTATIONS	ER, Surgery, OB-Gyn, Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, Psychiatry	Internal Medicine, General Surgery, OB-Gyn, Pediatrics, Family Medicine, Neurology	Single field of focus per program (no procedures, ER, or surgery)
CREDIT HOURS	110	150	36-52
DELEGATION AND SUPERVISION OF PRACTICE	N/A Prohibited from Supervising and Delegating	N/A May Supervise and Delegate outside of scope (education, training and experience)	Practice medicine/prescribe controlled substances under the delegation and supervision of a physician
RECERTIFICATION	100 CME/2 yr Board exam/10yr	150 CME/3 yr Board exam/10 yr	N/A
AVG SALARY	\$119,000	\$339,000	\$118,000

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