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Medical Board – Physician Assistant – Military Occupational Crosswalk

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**Air Force**

Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

- Physician Assistant (42GX; 42GXE; 42GXC; 42GXB; 42GXA) [Commissioned Officer] **Page 2**

**Army**

Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

- Physician Assistant (65D) [Officer] **Page 3**

**Coast Guard**

Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

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**Marines**

Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

No related occupations

**Navy**

Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

- Physician Assistant (113) [Commissioned Officer] **Page 5**

**Medical Board**  
Physician Assistant

<b>Experience Requirement</b>	<b>No Experience Requirement for licensure</b>
<b>Education Requirement</b>	<b>Bachelor's Degree &amp; Graduate from approved PA Program</b>  The candidate must have obtained a minimum of a Baccalaureate/Bachelor's Degree and graduate from a Physician Assistant program recognized by the State Board. The Board recognizes physician assistant education programs accredited by the American Medical Association's Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation (CAHEA), the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or a successor organization.
<b>Examination Requirement</b>	<b>1 Examination</b>  The candidate must receive a passing grade on the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) provided by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)..
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**Air Force**  
Physician Assistant (42GX; 42GXE; 42GXC; 42GXB; 42GXA)  
[Commissioned Officer]

<b>Job Duties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physician assistants provide primary medical care, including diagnosing and treating diseases, and prescribing medication.</li> <li>Perform comprehensive health assessments, differential diagnosis, and prescribe pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic treatments in direct management of acute and chronic illness, injury, or disease.</li> <li>Deliver healthcare to all categories of patients and to all eligible beneficiaries.</li> <li>Obtain and evaluate medical histories and perform physical examinations.</li> <li>Order diagnostic X-ray and laboratory procedures</li> </ul>
<b>Education/ Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Master of Science (MS) in Physician Assistant studies (or equivalent Master's degree/Doctorate) from an ARC-PA accredited institution</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge of principles and practices of medical treatments.</li> <li>Completion of five-week Commissioned Officer training course.</li> <li>Job training for physician assistants primarily consists of classroom instruction, including practice in providing patient healthcare, and on-the-job learning in various training environments. Physician assistants often have the opportunity to teach, research, and learn at various health education programs.</li> <li>Complete a comprehensive training program covering responsibilities, orientation to military structure, healthcare and etiquette, traditions, and leadership development.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training may include Fundamental medical care procedures. Principles of behavioral and dental science. Healthcare administration techniques</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Related Credentials Offered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physician Assistant-Certified (PA-C)</li> </ul>

**Licensure Requirement – Military Experience Equivalency Notes**

<b>Experience Requirement</b>	No experience requirement for licensure.
<b>Education Requirement</b>	Servicemember holds MS in Physician Assistant studies.  Satisfies education requirement for licensure.
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<b>Job Duties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivers primary and specialty medical care with physician supervision. Performs comprehensive exams and prescribes medications.</li> <li>• Counsels patients and obtains medical histories. Interprets lab tests and x-ray results.</li> <li>• Supervises combat medics and performs as a medical section/platoon leader.</li> <li>• Advises on medically related matters pertinent to unit readiness for missions.</li> <li>• Functions as medical staff officer at various levels. Serves as commander of companies, battalions, brigades, and medical treatment facilities</li> </ul>
<b>Education/ Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor's degree, plus completion of an accredited physician assistant program acceptable to the Army Surgeon General.</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certification by the National Commission for Certified Physician Assistants.</li> <li>• Eligibility for board certification.</li> <li>• Students graduating within six months (with a qualifying degree from a U.S. – accredited school) may apply for active army service</li> </ul>
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**Licensure Requirement – Military Experience Equivalency Notes**

<b>Experience Requirement</b>	No experience requirement for licensure.
<b>Education Requirement</b>	<p>Servicemember holds bachelor's degree and is a graduate of an accredited physician assistant program.</p> <p>Satisfies education requirement for licensure <u>if</u> the accredited physician assistant program acceptable to the Army Surgeon General is also acceptable to the Board (by being accredited by the American Medical Association's CAHEA, the CAAHEP, or ARC-PA.)</p>
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**Coast Guard**  
Physician Assistant (18) [Officer]

<b>Job Duties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Direct Commission Physician Assistant (DCPA) program is an opportunity for trained Physician Assistants to serve their country in the United States Coast Guard within their specialty.</li> <li>Active-Duty physician assistants primarily work at CG clinics. These PAs will receive a "reserve" commission as a CG officer and fulfill an initial extended active-duty contract for three years.</li> <li>These individuals receive an initial assignment to CG clinics located at bases, training centers, some Air Stations, or the CG Academy.</li> <li>Career progression includes rotating assignments every 3 to 4 years at different CG clinics. Senior PAs will have the opportunity for medical administration, force manager, and instructor positions.</li> </ul>
<b>Education/ Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following commissioning (which occurs approximately 30 days prior to attending the Direct Commission Officer (DCO) course in New London, Connecticut) new officers will execute permanent change of station (PCS) orders and report directly to their first unit for a brief period. DCPAs will then go TDY to the DCO course. The DCO course will be 4-5 weeks in duration. At DCO training, DCPAs receive initial indoctrination to the traditions and programs of the service, and training on service specific administration essentials needed for their success as a commissioned officer in the Coast Guard.</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university, and Before commissioning date, have successfully completed a physician associate or assistant program course approved by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA).</li> </ul>
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