MAGNIFY | Physician Assistant Graduates Earn Perfect Pass Rate

Congratulations are in order for the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia Master's in Science in Physician Assistant Studies program. Graduates from the Class of 2021 earned a 100 percent first-time pass rate on the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE).
Certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) is mandated for graduates of physician assistant programs in order to practice the profession in the United States. The NCCPA tracks the first-time pass rate for both the program and the national average.

Since the program's inception in 2017, graduates have consistently ranked above the national pass rate average with 95% in 2019 and 96% in 2020. The program originally launched with 20 students and increased to 30 students for the Class of 2021.

"This is a testament to the hard work of the faculty, staff and the students in the Class of 2021 who overcame so much," says Program Director Greg Mangione. "We are extremely proud of all our students and expect great things as they move ahead into their careers."

All 75 of the UofSC students across three cohorts have passed the PANCE on either their first or second attempt.

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**BREAKTHROUGH | Spring 2022 MD Reunions**

Calling all MD Alumni celebrating reunions for the following class years:


**WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Please complete this quick survey regarding the potential style and dates of your class reunion in spring 2022. **The deadline to complete these questions is Friday, August 13th.**

[2022 Class Reunion Survey]

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**FOCUS | Teaching Opportunities for Retired or Part-time Physicians**
“For the past several years, I have been involved with teaching medical students from MI to MIV. Now retired, I continue to find teaching students skills, that all physicians should possess, a very rewarding experience. I believe that expertise in obtaining a thoughtful history and a skillful physical examination is what separates physicians from other health care providers. In order to treat, one needs to make a diagnosis, and in order to make a diagnosis, precise information and data needs to be obtained. I am forever grateful to the UofSC SOMC for my education as a medical student, and it is a privilege to be able to give back and pass along knowledge and experience to train future physicians."

- David McKee, MD (c/o 1982)

The Office of Curricular Affairs is in need of retired or current alumni physicians who can volunteer their time and commit to working with a small group of first and second-year MD students throughout the semester as they learn the foundation of clinical medicine. Please reach out to James Cook, MD, Clinical Associate Professor and Assistant Dean of Clinical Learning if you’re interested in one or all of the following opportunities:

**Medical History-Taking for MI Students** - 2:30-5pm on the following dates:
- August 24th
- September 7th & 21st
- October 5th, 12th, 26th
- November 9th and 23rd

**Practice Sessions**

**Physical Exam Skills for MI Students** - flexibility on Monday and Tuesday afternoons in Spring 2022 (exams of the head, cardio, lungs, abdominal, etc.)

**Communication Skills for MI Students** - flexibility on Monday and Tuesday afternoons in Fall 2021 (challenging clinical encounters, breaking bad news, etc.)

**Evaluating medical student physical exams on standardized patients** - please touch base with Dr. Cook for the schedule.

*If the provided times and dates do not work with your schedule, please still consider communicating your interest in volunteering; in many cases, the schedule may change and could accommodate your availability.*

We hope to see some familiar faces helping the next generation of competent and compassionate physicians!
“I found working with students in the physical diagnosis course so stimulating, rewarding, and enjoyable that I want to do more. I also realized that I truly enjoy reviewing things that I might not have thought about or used in a while to prepare for teaching. I left on a high after every session.”

- Jerry Davis, MD (c/o 1982)

DISCOVER | Opportunities for Engagement

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COLUMBIA

CLASS OF 1981

REUNION WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 17-18

Celebrating a major milestone by honoring

THE FIRST GRADUATING MD CLASS
SAVE THE DATE

2021 Alumni & Dean’s Virtual Awards Ceremony
Thursday, October 21 | 6:00-7:30pm
WEBLINK INFO WILL BE SENT AT A LATER DATE

SAVE THE DATE

Biomedical Sciences Alumni Reunion Weekend
Celebrating 40 Years Biomedical Sciences
October 22 & 23
Columbia, SC
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW
TIME TO LAY IT ALL OUT ON THE TABLE

Looking for HOSTS from ALL DISCIPLINES working in the following areas:

PEDIATRICS • EMERGENCY MED
ORTHOPEDICS & SPORTS MED

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Join the SOM Alumni Private Group
Research. Clinical. Day to day. All medical careers.

Give the gift of your time.

Our students are looking for shadowing opportunities.

CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER

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Click here to update your contact information
DID YOU KNOW...

When you graduate from the UofSC School of Medicine, you are automatically a member of the SOM Alumni Association?

Please contact Paige Stiles at paige.stiles@uscmed.sc.edu to learn ways you can get involved!

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