Introduction and Consent

2020 Matriculating Student Survey

Important Information About the PAEA Matriculating Student Survey: Please Read Carefully

The Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA) is the national organization that represents physician assistant (PA) programs and advocates on behalf of students, faculty, and educational programs. PAEA administers the Matriculating Student Survey (MSS) annually to all incoming first-year PA students. The MSS seeks information from entering PA students to improve education, recruitment, and retention.

The survey will take approximately 20 to 25 minutes to complete. Students who complete the survey will have the opportunity to enter into a prize drawing. Questions on the MSS cover topics such as:

- Demographic information
- Academic and employment background
- Factors related to your choice of the PA profession and your PA program
- Educational financing
- Intended specialty and practice environments
- · Health and well-being

Incentives

Respondents who complete the survey will have the opportunity to enter into a drawing for one of four \$25 Amazon gift cards. PAEA will enter each PA program with at least an 80% response rate into a drawing for a \$250 gift card that can be used to help sponsor a pizza party or other event decided by your class. Additionally, each PA program with at least an 80% response rate will be entered into a drawing for a free 2021 PAEA Education Forum registration.

Participation is Voluntary

Participation in this survey is completely confidential and voluntary. You have the right to not answer any questions you choose. There is no penalty for not completing the survey or for discontinuing it. You may withdraw at any time by simply closing the survey. Although you may skip any questions you do not feel comfortable answering, providing honest and complete information helps improve the reliability and validity of these important data. If you believe you are being coerced into participation, please contact PAEA research staff (research@PAEAonline.org).

Confidentiality Statement

The data collected in this survey are classified as confidential. You will have the option of providing your email address if you wish to participate in the incentive drawing but it will not be stored with your answers. Once this survey closes and incentive drawing participants are contacted, email addresses will be permanently removed from the dataset to ensure confidentiality. Your email address and identified responses will never be released to your program or any other entity under any circumstances.

Individually identifying data will only be released to IRB-approved faculty at your PA program and only with your explicit permission. The responses you provide on this survey are retained by PAEA in a secure server which may only be accessed by a small number of designated PAEA research staff trained in human subjects protections and confidentiality procedures. PA programs typically receive data in reports that aggregate responses at the national level. On occasion, for the purpose of conducting further studies, researchers may request a de-identified (i.e., all identifying information is stripped from anonymous responses) file of individual-level data. PAEA reduces the probability of connecting responses to specific individuals by not providing information where the small number of respondents in a specific category could potentially allow individuals to be identified. Researchers requesting de-identified files will be required to agree to terms that outline how the data may be used and for how long. This data collection activity has been reviewed according to PAEA policies and procedures and its Institutional Review Board and is considered to be minimal risk. PAEA has taken extensive measures to ensure the security of the data and the confidentiality of the responses. We believe that there are no anticipated risks or discomforts associated with taking this survey. PAEA does not use survey data for marketing purposes.

If you have any questions about your rights as a participant or experience technical difficulties while completing the survey, please contact PAEA research staff (research@PAEAonline.org; 703-667-4328).

Thank you for participating and welcome to PA school!

PAEA Research Staff

Please select an option below to indicate whether you have read the above disclosure and agree to participate in this research.

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\bigcirc	I have read and	understood th	e preceding	information	and freel	v consent to	participate i	n

	the survey										
\bigcirc	I have read	and (understood	the	preceding	information	and	choose	not to	participate	in

Important Note

Your responses will automatically save as you progress through the survey. If you close your survey before you finish, you may pick up where you left off **if you use the same device and the same browser**. Please contact PAEA research staff (<u>research@PAEAonline.org</u>, 703-667-4328) at any time if you have any questions or experience any technical difficulties. Thank you for participating!

Unique Identifier

Collecting student data at the beginning and end of PA school helps PAEA identify the factors that improve student experiences and education. To help us **anonymously** link your responses between this survey and the End of Program Survey, please create your own unique code, following the example below. **Your code will be kept separate from your survey responses and researchers will not be able to determine your identity.** Thank you for helping us conduct important research and improve PA student educational experiences.

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Example:	
First 2 letters of your mother's first name: If your mother's name is Jane, enter JA	
First and last letters of your mother's maiden name : If your mother's maiden name is S mit <u>h,</u> ent SH	ter
Last letter of your first name: If first name is John, enter N	
Last 2 digits of your year of birth: If year of birth is 1960, enter 60	
First letter of the city you were born: If born in Boston, enter <u>B</u>	
Unique code will be JASHN60B	
Please provide the following information to create your own unique code:	
First 2 letters of your mother's first name	
First and last letters of your mother's maiden name	
<u>Last letter</u> of your first name	
Last 2 digits of your year of birth	
First letter of the city you were born	

Screening

1. Did you start your current PA program less than three months a	go)	?)
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Yes

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○ No	
1a. Will you be starting your P	A program within the next month?
○ Yes	
O No	
ONO	
Your PA Program	
2. Diagram and a table a state in such	ich von ann ann ich besched Green blee door den allieb beleur
2. Please select the state in wh	nich your program is located from the drop-down list below.
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2. Plance coloct your program	from the drap down list below
3. Please select your program to	nom the drop-down list below.
Note: Several programs have	similar names; please make sure that you select the correct one.
	▼
3a. Are you enrolled at a distar	nt or satellite campus?
○ Yes	
○ No	
3b. Please provide the full nam	ne of the distant or satellite campus you are enrolled in.

Consent to be included in a student database

The \${q://QID147/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices} PA program is collecting student data for inclusion in a student database for use in educational research and program improvement. The Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA) will only release your data to

\${q://QID147/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices} with your written consent. You have the right to withhold consent without penalty. If you do not consent, PAEA will never release your identified data to any parties and will store your data according to the standard confidentiality and privacy protections outlined

previously. If you choose not to release your data to \${q://QID147/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices} you can still complete the survey and are eligible to win any prizes associated with completing the survey.

In order for this data to be released to q:/QID147/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices, your first and last name will be supplied to the q:/QID147/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices but will be permanently removed from the PAEA database. q:/QID147/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices will protect this information using the standards and protections detailed in their IRB agreement with their home institution, and may not share your data with any external individuals or parties.

	lease select an option below to indicate whether you helease your data to \${q://QID147/ChoiceGroup/Select		agree to
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PA	hank you for agreeing to share your information with t A program for inclusion in their student database. Plea Iformation will be permanently removed from the PAEA	ase provide your first and last name	_
Firs	irst name		
Las	ast name		
4. C	. Did you complete an application on CASPA, the Centr	ral Application System for PA progra	ams?
\bigcirc	Yes		
\bigcirc	○ No		
	. In what month did you enter (or expect to enter if yo	ou are in orientation now) the officia	al PA
	▼		
6. F	. Please enter your age at the time you entered the gr	raduate, professional phase of your I	PA program.

About You, Your Health, and Well-Being

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Why do we collect this information?

7. V	Which of the options below best describes your current gender identity?
\bigcirc	Male Female
0	Indigenous or other cultural gender minority (e.g. two-spirit)
0	Something else (e.g. gender fluid, non-binary)
\bigcirc	I don't know the answer/Prefer not to answer
0 14	What sex were you assigned at birth, meaning on your original birth certificate?
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\bigcirc	Male
	Female
\bigcirc	I don't know the answer/Prefer not to answer
8a.	What gender do you currently live as in your day-to-day life?
\bigcirc	Male
\bigcirc	Female
\bigcirc	Sometimes male, sometimes female
\bigcirc	Something other than male or female
\bigcirc	I don't know the answer/Prefer not to answer
9. W	Which of the following best represents how you think of yourself?
\bigcirc	Bisexual
\bigcirc	Gay or lesbian or homosexual
\bigcirc	Straight or heterosexual
\bigcirc	Other
\bigcirc	I don't know the answer/Prefer not to answer

10.	What is your race? Please check as many as apply.
	American Indian or Alaskan Native
	Asian
	Black or African American
	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
	White or European American
	I prefer not to answer
	Other, please specify:
10a	. How do you self-identify? Please check as many as apply.
	Bangladeshi
	Cambodian
	Chinese
	Filipino
	Hmong
	Indian
	Indonesian
	Japanese
	Korean
	Laotian
	Pakistani
	Taiwanese
	Thai
	Vietnamese
	Other Asian, please specify:
10b	. How do you self-identify? Please check as many as apply.
	African
	African American
	Afro-Caribbean
	Other Black or African American, please specify:

10c	. How do you self-identify? Please check as many as apply.
	Guamanian
	Native Hawaiian
	Samoan
	Tongan
	Other Pacific Islander, please specify:
11.	Are you Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish in origin?
\bigcirc	Yes
\bigcirc	No
\bigcirc	I prefer not to answer
11a	. How do you self-identify? Please check as many as apply.
	Argentinean
	Colombian
	Cuban
	Dominican
	Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano/Chicana
	Peruvian
	Puerto Rican
	Other Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, please specify:
12.	Are you Middle Eastern or Arabic in origin?
\bigcirc	Yes
\bigcirc	No
\bigcirc	I prefer not to answer

13. Approximately what percentage of your life have you spent in the following environments? Percentages must sum to 100%. If you prefer not to answer, please enter '100' in 'I prefer not to answer.'

Inner city	0	%
Rural	0	%
Suburban	0	%
Urban	0	%
Outside the US	0	%
Military base(s)	0	%
Native American/American Indian reservation	0	%
Other, please specify:	0	%
I prefer not to answer	0	%
Total	0	%

This section is based on the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Matriculating Student Questionnaire (MSQ).

14. Please select the number that best describes your feelings **during the past week, including today**. "0" represents "as bad as it can be" and "10" represents "as good as it can be."

	As bad as it can be 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	As good as it can be 10
Overall quality of life	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Overall mental well- being	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc							
Overall physical well- being	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc
Overall emotional well- being	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Level of social activity	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Spiritual well-being	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

15. Please select the number that best describes your level of fatigue, on average, **during the past 30 days**. "0" represents "no fatigue" and "10" represents "constant tiredness."

	No fatigue 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Constant tiredness 10
Level of fatigue	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0	\bigcirc	0
16. Please select the num friends and family during "highly satisfied."										•	
	Not at all satisfied 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Highly satisfied 10
Level of social support from friends and family	0	0	0	\circ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17. Please select the num represents "no concerns"				-			erns d ı	uring t	he pas	st 30	days . "0"
	No concerns 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Constant concerns 10
Financial concerns	\circ	0	\circ	0	0	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
18. Please indicate how o	ften you fe	elt or t	:hought	t a certa	ain wa	ıy duri	ng the	past :	30 day	s.	
	Nev	er er	Alm	ost nev	er S	Someti	mes	Fairly	often	Ve	ery often
In the last month, how often have you felt that you were unable to control the important things in your life?)		0		0		(\supset		0
In the last month, how often have you felt confident about your ability to handle your personal problems?)		0		0		(\supset		0
In the last month, how often have you felt that things were going your way?	C)		0		0		(\supset		0
In the last month, how often have you felt difficulties were piling up so high that you could not overcome)		0		0		()		0

them?

Military Experience

Military Experience

19. Are you currently, or have you ever, served in the military?
○ Yes
○ No
○ I prefer not to answer
19a. What is your current military status?
Veteran/commitment complete
Regular military – active
Regular military – inactive
Reserve military – active
Reserve military - inactive
○ I prefer not to answer
19b. In which of the following branches did you serve/do you currently serve? If you served in more than one branch, please select the branch in which you served the most time
○ Air Force
○ Army
○ Coast Guard
○ Marine Corps
○ Navy
19c. How many years were you/have you been enlisted in active duty military service?
19d. Did you receive health care-related training/experience in the military?
○ Yes

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\bigcirc	Associate's degree
\bigcirc	Bachelor of Arts
\bigcirc	Bachelor of Science
\bigcirc	Other Bachelor's degree (e.g., business, BFA)
\bigcirc	Master's degree (health- or natural sciences-related; e.g., MPH)
\bigcirc	Master's degree (not health- or natural-sciences related; e.g., MBA)
\bigcirc	Academic doctorate (health- or natural sciences-related; e.g., Biology PhD)
\bigcirc	Academic doctorate (not health- or natural sciences-related; e.g., EdD)
\bigcirc	Professional doctorate (health-related; e.g., MD)
\bigcirc	Professional doctorate (not health-related; e.g., JD)
\bigcirc	Foreign medical graduate/unlicensed medical graduate
\bigcirc	Other, please specify:
\bigcirc	I prefer not to answer
best mat	. For your bachelor's degree, in which primary discipline did you major? Please select the choice that matches your major. If your exact major is not listed, please select the major that most closely ch yours.
Note	e: If you double-majored, you will be asked for your secondary major in the following question.
\bigcirc	Audiology/Speech-Language Pathology
\bigcirc	Biology (includes Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, and Zoology)
\bigcirc	Business
0	Chemistry (includes Biochemistry)
0	Communications (includes Advertising and Journalism)
0	Exercise Science/Athletic Training
0	Fine Arts (e.g., Performing or Visual Arts)
0	Foreign Language (e.g., Spanish, French)
0	General Studies
0	Healthcare Administration
0	Health Sciences
0	Humanities (e.g., History, Philosophy)
0	Kinesiology
0	Mathematics
0	Medical laboratory sciences
0	Neuroscience
\bigcirc	Nursing

\bigcirc	Nutrition/Dietetics
\bigcirc	Physics
\bigcirc	Premedical Studies
\bigcirc	Psychology
\bigcirc	Public Health
\bigcirc	Social Sciences (e.g., Social Work, Anthropology)
\bigcirc	Other, please specify:
\bigcirc	Not applicable
20b	Did you complete a double major in your undergraduate education?
\bigcirc	Yes
\bigcirc	No
that	. For your bachelor's degree, in which secondary discipline did you major? Please select the choice t best matches your major. If your exact major is not listed, please select the major that most closely tch yours.
\bigcirc	Audiology/Speech-Language Pathology
\bigcirc	Biology (includes Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, and Zoology)
\bigcirc	Business
\bigcirc	Chemistry (includes Biochemistry)
\bigcirc	Communications (includes Advertising and Journalism)
\bigcirc	Exercise Science/Athletic Training
\bigcirc	Fine Arts (e.g., Performing or Visual Arts)
\bigcirc	Foreign Language (e.g., Spanish, French)
\bigcirc	General Studies
\bigcirc	Healthcare Administration
\bigcirc	Health Sciences
\bigcirc	Humanities (e.g., History, Philosophy)
\bigcirc	Kinesiology
\bigcirc	Mathematics
\bigcirc	Medical laboratory sciences
\bigcirc	Neuroscience
\bigcirc	Nursing
\bigcirc	Nutrition/Dietetics
\bigcirc	Physics

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Application to PA School and The Health Professions

Applying to PA School

22. When did you decide to become a PA?		
Before high school		
Ouring high school/before college		
O During the first two years of college		
After receiving an associate's degree		
Ouring junior year of college		
O During senior year of college		
After receiving a bachelor's degree		
O During advanced/graduate training or	degree (non-PA)	
After completing an advanced/gradua	te training or degree (non-PA)	
·	or many reasons. Please drag all the reasons that render rank them by importance, with "1" being the moyou would like.	,
Items	Reasons I chose to become a PA	
Other health professions were less appealing	Reasons I enose to become a 174	
Prestige		
Excitement of health care		
Mobility (geographically)		
Desire to care for underserved populations		
Desire to care for patients		
Desire to influence the direction of health care		
Cost of education/affordability		
Parental/peer pressure		
Want to expand scope of practice as a health professional (previously served in a more limited provider role)		

Work-life balance

Mobility within PA specialties

Level of education	
A "calling" to the healthcare profession	
Length of education	
Financial stability	
Relieving pain and suffering	
Other, please specify	
24. In what year did you complete your mos 2010).	et recent degree? Please enter the full, four-digit year (e.g.,
O Year most	recent degree was completed:
Have not yet completed a non-PA degre	e
 Moved from undergraduate, pre-profess phase of the program without completing 	ional phase directly to the graduate, professional g an undergraduate degree.
25. For the following statements regarding y please enter the appropriate number of prog	your application to PA programs for the current school year, grams:
	Number of PA programs
Submitted an application	0
Granted an interview	0
Received an acceptance letter	0
26. Please estimate the total amount of mor of interviews, for this year only.	ney you spent applying to PA school, including fees and cost
	pus visits that were not associated with an interview, other othes), prerequisite coursework, or the cost of applying to PA
○ No cost (\$0)	
○ \$1 to \$499	
○ \$500 to \$999	
○ \$1,000 to \$1,499	

29. Many factors may have influenced your decision to become a PA. Please **drag** all of the factors that made you want to become a PA to the box on the right, then **rank** them by how influential they were to your decision. "1" should be the factor that had the greatest influence on your decision to become a PA, or that most made you want to become a PA.

Items

AAPA website/literature

PA who treated me/my family

Project Access

Family member

PA program literature

Public media (e.g., television, newspaper, radio)

Friend

Previous military experience

Career counselor/teacher (high school or college)

Social media (e.g., YouTube, Facebook)

Previous healthcare experience

PA program faculty/staff

PAEA website/literature

Physician who treated me/my family

College/campus admissions department

Other physician acquaintance

Other PA acquaintance

Other health professional

Other, please specify

tors that made you want to come a PA

30. As you were choosing which PA programs you would like to attend, which of the following **program attributes** did you consider and how important was it to you that your PA program have these attributes?

	Did not consider	Did consider: Not important	Did consider: Somewhat important	Did consider: Very important	Did consider: Essential
High likelihood of admission	0	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ
Low tuition	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Program offers scholarships and financial aid	\circ	0	0	\circ	0
Good faculty reputation	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Rigorous clinical curriculum	\circ	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ
Diverse student body	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
	Did not consider	Did consider: Not important	Did consider: Somewhat important	Did consider: Very important	Did consider: Essential
Program mission consistent with personal values	\circ	0	0	0	0
Required few or no prerequisites beyond what I had already completed	0	0	0	0	0
Small class size/student-faculty ratio	\circ	0	\circ	\circ	0
Desirable program location	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Diverse faculty	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Many opportunities to gain clinical experience (e.g., rotations)	\circ	0	0	\circ	\circ
	Did not consider	Did consider: Not important	Did consider: Somewhat important	Did consider: Very important	Did consider: Essential
Good program reputation	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
High PANCE pass rates	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Dual degree offered (e.g. PA plus MPH)	0	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	0
Affiliated with a hospital or clinic system	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ

	Did not consider	Did consider: Not important	Did consider: Somewhat important	Did consider: Very important	Did consider: Essential
Quality program facilities (e.g., labs and equipment)	\circ	0	0	\circ	0
equipment					
31. Please rate how the foll to the program in which yo			your decision t	o accept the of	fer of admission
	Made me n e want to atte	end attend	on to Made the to a	me want ttend the ogram	Did not experience/Not applicable
Conversations with program alumni	\circ	0		\circ	\circ
Conversations with program faculty and staff	0	0		0	0
Conversations with current students	\circ	\circ		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Program interview experience	\circ	\circ		\bigcirc	\circ
Program admissions outreach/recruitment efforts	0	0		0	0
Work Experience					
		Work Experie	nce		
32. Have you ever been emrelated to completion of		alth care field (e x	ccluding inter	nships or oth	er experiences
○ Yes					
NoI prefer not to answer					
32a. Please check the approcare professions or fields.	opriate box(es)) if you have expe	erience in one o	or more of the	following health
☐ Alternative/complemen	ntary/naturopat	thic medicine			

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	Athletic trainer
	Case manager
	Chiropractor
	Clinical research coordinator/assistant
	Dental assistant/hygienist
	Emergency room technician
	EMT/paramedic
	Healthcare administrator
	Heath services researcher
	Home health aide
	Medic or medial corpsman
	Medical assistant
	Medical lab technician
	Medical reception/records
	Medical technician
	Nurse practitioner
	Nurse, licensed practical
	Nurse, registered
	Nursing assistant
	Nutritionist/dietitian
	Occupational therapist/occupational therapy assistant
	Ophthalmic technician/assistant
	Optometrist
	Pharmacist
	Pharmacy technician
	Phlebotomist
	Physical therapist/physical therapy assistant
	Physician
	Podiatrist
	Psychologist
	Radiologic technologist
	Radiology technician
	Respiratory technician
	Respiratory therapist
	Scribe
	Social worker
	Sonographer

Surgical technician/assist	tant		
	Other, please spec	ify:	
32b. How many weeks and he '0'. Please only include pai		work in a health care field	? If none, please enter
	V	Veeks	Hours per week
Direct patient contact (e.g., Nurse or nursing aide)		0	0
Healthcare setting (indirect patient contact; e.g., medical secretary or receptionist)		0	0
Total		0	0
33. Have you ever participate AmeriCorps, service learning			ork (e.g., Peace Corps,
○ Yes			
○ No			
○ I prefer not to answer			
33a. How many weeks did yo service work?	u spend in the followin	g settings during your paid	d or voluntary community
	Weeks of paid	Weeks of volunteer	Weeks of service learning experiences associated with completion of academic
	experiences	experiences	studies
International medical	0	0	0
International non- medical	0	0	0
U.S. medical	0	0	0
U.S. non-medical	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

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Your Future Practice

Your Future Practice

34. Please rate the desirability of practicing in the following environments.

	Very undesirable	Undesirable	Neither desirable or undesirable	Desirable	Very desirable
Inner city	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Rural	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Suburban	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Urban	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Federal/state prison system	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	0	\circ
Military base(s)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Practice outside the US	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Native American/American Indian Reservation	\circ	0	0	0	0
Veterans Affairs (VA)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
35. Upon graduation, how li Note: Examples of medically Native American/American In	underserved co	ommunities inclu			
Very unlikelyUnlikelyNeither likely nor unlikeLikelyVery likely	ıly				
36. Please rate the desirabil	ity of practicing	ງ in the following	g specialty areas	after your gra	aduation.

	Undesirable	Neither desirable nor undesirable	Desirable	Do not know enough about it
Other specialties				
Dermatology	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ
Neurology	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ
Interventional radiology	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ

	Undesirable	Neither desirable nor undesirable	Desirable	Do not know enough about it
Palliative care	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Pain management	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Retail clinic	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Pediatric subspecialties	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
	Undesirable	Neither desirable nor undesirable	Desirable	Do not know enough about it
Occupational medicine	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Psychiatry/Behavioral medicine	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ
Correctional medicine	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Other specialty, please specify:	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ
Internal medicine specialties				
Cardiology	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Oncology/Hematology	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
	Undesirable	Neither desirable nor undesirable	Desirable	Do not know enough about it
Nephrology	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Endocrinology	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Gastroenterology	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Infectious Disease	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Rheumatology	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Other internal medicine subspecialty, please specify:	0	0	0	0
Primary care specialties				
	Undesirable	Neither desirable nor undesirable	Desirable	Do not know enough about it
Family/General medicine	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
General internal medicine	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
General pediatrics	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Geriatrics	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Obstetrics/Gynecology/Women's health	0	\circ	\circ	0
Inpatient specialties				
Critical care	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

	Undesirable	Neither desirable nor undesirable	Desirable	Do not know enough about it
	Undesirable	Neither desirable nor undesirable	Desirable	Do not know enough about it
Hospitalist	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Emergency medicine specialties				
Emergency medicine (not urgent care)	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ
Urgent care	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Surgery specialties				
General surgery	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
	Undesirable	Neither desirable nor undesirable	Desirable	Do not know enough about it
Orthopedics	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ
Cardiovascular/Cardiothoracic	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Neurosurgery	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Urology	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Plastic surgery	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Other surgical subspecialties, please specify:	0	0	0	0

36a. Please **rank** each specialty that you are interested in based on your desire to practice in them after graduation. Drag the specialties into the correct order. '1' should be the specialty you want to practice in the most.

Family/General medicine

General internal medicine

General pediatrics

Geriatrics

Obstetrics/Gynecology/Women's health

General surgery

Orthopedic surgery

Cardiovascular/Cardiothoracic surgery

Neurosurgery	
Urologic surgery	
Plastic surgery	
Other surgical specialties: \${q://QID132/ChoiceTextEntryValue/12}	
Emergency medicine (not urgent care)	
Urgent care	
Cardiology	
Oncology/Hematology	
Nephrology	
Endocrinology	
Gastroenterology	
Infectious disease	
Rheumatology	
Other internal medicine specialties: \${q://QID132/ChoiceTextEntryValue/23}	
Critical care	
Hospitalist	
Dermatology	
Neurology	
Interventional radiology	
Palliative care	
Pain management	
Retail clinic	
Pediatric specialties	
Occupational medicine	
Psychiatry/Behavioral medicine	
Correctional medicine	
Other specialty: \${q://QID132/ChoiceTextEntryValue/36}	

37.	Please estimate the annual salary you expect at graduation for a full-time position as a PA.
\bigcirc	\$49,999 or less
\bigcirc	\$50,000 to \$59,999
\bigcirc	\$60,000 to \$69,999
\bigcirc	\$70,000 to \$79,999
\bigcirc	\$80,000 to \$89,999
\bigcirc	\$90,000 to \$99,999
\bigcirc	\$100,000 to 109,999
\bigcirc	\$110,000 to \$119,999
\bigcirc	\$120,000 to \$129,999
\bigcirc	\$130,000 or more

38. This question is based on an item from Higher Education Research Institute's (HERI) College Senior Survey. When thinking about your career path after PA school, how important are the following considerations?

	Not important	Somewhat important	Very important	Essential
Ability to pay off debt	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc
Availability of jobs	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Flexible working schedule	\bigcirc	\circ	0	\circ
High income potential	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
High level of autonomy	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Leadership potential	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Social recognition or status	\bigcirc	0	0	\circ
Stable, secure future	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Supervising physician relationship	\bigcirc	\circ	0	\circ
Work/life balance	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc
Working for social change	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ

Your Family

Your Family

39.	Which of the following best describes your current civil status?
0	Single (never legally married, includes engaged but never legally married) Married
\bigcirc	Domestic partnership
\bigcirc	Civil union
\bigcirc	Separated, but still legally married
\bigcirc	Divorced
\bigcirc	Widowed
\bigcirc	I prefer not to answer
	Other than yourself, how many legal dependents do you have? If you do not have any legal pendents, please enter "0".
41. yea	Are you considered a dependent by your parents (i.e., did they claim you on their income taxes last or)?
\bigcirc	Yes
\bigcirc	No
\bigcirc	I do not know/prefer not to answer
42.	What is your parents'/guardians' combined estimated annual gross income?
\bigcirc	Less than \$25,000
\bigcirc	\$25,000 to \$49,999
\bigcirc	\$50,000 to \$74,999
\bigcirc	\$75,000 to \$99,999
\bigcirc	\$100,000 to \$149,999
\bigcirc	\$150,000 to \$199,999
\bigcirc	\$200,000 to \$249,999
\bigcirc	\$250,000 to \$299,999
	\$300,000 or higher

0	I do not know/prefer not to answer
43.	What is the combined estimated gross annual income for your household (this includes your income
	addition to the income of your spouse/partner, if applicable)?
\bigcirc	Less than \$25,000
\bigcirc	\$25,000 to \$49,999
\bigcirc	\$50,000 to \$74,999
\bigcirc	\$75,000 to \$99,999
\bigcirc	\$100,000 to \$149,999
\bigcirc	\$150,000 to \$199,999
\bigcirc	\$200,000 to \$249,999
\bigcirc	\$250,000 to \$299,999
\bigcirc	\$300,000 or higher
\bigcirc	I do not know/prefer not to answer
par	What is the highest level of education of your parent(s) or guardian(s)? For example, if one ent/guardian holds an Associate's degree, and one holds a Master's degree, please select "Master's gree."
\bigcirc	Grade school (did not enter high school)
\bigcirc	Some high school
\bigcirc	High school diploma/GED
\bigcirc	Some college
\bigcirc	Associate's degree
\bigcirc	Bachelor's degree
\bigcirc	Master's degree
\bigcirc	Academic doctorate (e.g., PhD, EdD)
\bigcirc	Professional doctorate (e.g, MD, DO, PharmD, JD)
\bigcirc	Other, please specify:
\bigcirc	I prefer not to answer

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All of the information you share in this survey, including financial data, is confidential and will not be released to your school or any other person or institution. No identifying information will be linked to your answers.

The information you provide will help the PA community and PAEA better understand the costs of education and inform advocacy efforts to make PA education more affordable.

If you cannot remember the actual figures for some of the questions, please enter your best estimates. You may also check your federal loans, grants, and aid overpayments at the <u>National Student Loan Data System</u>.

graduate, professional phase of your PA program?
○ Yes
○ No
45a. Please enter the dollar amount of the scholarships, stipends, or grants (not loans) that have been offered to you, and you have accepted, for the graduate , professional phase of your PA education.
Amount of scholarships, stipends, grants (not loans) that have been offered to you, and you have accepted, for the graduate, professional phase of your PA education:

45b. If you prefer not to provide a dollar amount, we would appreciate if you could select the category that best represents the amount.

Amount of scholarships, stipends, grants (**not loans**) that have been offered to you, and you have accepted, for the graduate, professional phase of your PA education:

\bigcirc	\$1 to \$4,999
\bigcirc	\$5,000 to \$9,999
\bigcirc	\$10,000 to \$14,999
\bigcirc	\$15,000 to \$19,999
\bigcirc	\$20,000 to \$24,999
\bigcirc	\$25,000 to \$29,999
\bigcirc	\$30,000 to \$49,999
\bigcirc	\$50,000 to \$74,999

\$75,000 to \$99,999

	Do you have any outstanding service indebtedness and/or currently participate in a loan iveness/repayment program associated with your pre-PA (undergraduate or non-PA graduate) education?				
\bigcirc	Yes				
\circ	No				
47a.	. Please select the type of service requirement and/or loan forgiveness/repayment program.				
\bigcirc	Armed Services (e.g., military service)				
\bigcirc	Department of Education's Public-Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)				
\bigcirc	Employer-based program (e.g., hospital-based loan repayment)				
\bigcirc	Indian Health Service Corps (IHSC)				
\bigcirc	National Health Service Corps (NHSC)				
\bigcirc	State loan forgiveness program				
0	Other Uniformed Service (e.g., Center of Disease Control [CDC], Department of Health and Human Services [HHS], Public Health Service [PHS] commissioned officer corp)				
\bigcirc	Other, please specify:				
	o. Please enter the total number of years required to fulfill your service requirement, and the number rears you have already completed.				
	Years				
rec	ral number of years quired to fulfill your rvice requirement				
	mber of years you ve already completed				
refe	How were your pre-PA (undergraduate and/or pre-PA graduate) education costs paid? This ers to any education costs prior to entering your professional/graduate PA program. Please select all rces that apply.				
	Employer support (e.g., tuition reimbursement)				
	Loans				
	Military benefits (e.g., GI Bill/VA tuition assistance)				
	Money earned by spouse/partner				
	Other family support (excludes money from spouse/partner)				
	Personal income and savings				
	Scholarships or awards from external sources				

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Scholarships or awards from your college/university

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50a. Please enter the outstanding dollar amount of the educational loans you took out to pay for the graduate, professional phase of your PA education, excluding interest. We ask for this in order to provide the most accurate data possible to our government relations team, who work to make PA education more affordable for all students.

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50b. If	you prefer not to	o provide a dollar	amount, w	e would ap	preciate if y	ou could	select the	category
that be	st represents the	e amount you of I	PA educatio	nal loans y	ou hold.			

\$25,000 to \$49,999 \$50,000 to \$74,999 \$75,000 to \$99,999 \$100,000 to \$124,999 \$125,000 to \$149,999 \$150,000 to \$174,999 \$175,000 to \$199,999 \$200,000 to \$224,999 \$225,000 or more I don't know/I prefer not to answer

51. Do you have any **non-educational, consumer debt**? Please check all categories that apply.Car loan(s)Credit card debt

Credit card debt
 Mortgage(s)
 Other consumer debt or loan(s)
 No non-educational, consumer debt
 I prefer not to answer

51a. Please estimate the dollar amount(s) of **non-educational, consumer debt** you currently have. Please enter 0 for non-applicable categories and do not use dollar signs or commas.

We ask for this in order to provide the most accurate data possible to our government relations team, who work to make PA education more affordable for all students. This information will help PAEA gather a more complete picture of PA students' financial situations.

Car loan(s)

	Dollar Amount
Credit card debt	
Mortgage(s)	
Other consumer debt or loan(s)	

51b. If you prefer not to provide a dollar amount, we would appreciate if you could select the category(ies) that best represents the amount(s) you owe.

Amount of non-educational, consumer debt:

	Car loan(s)	Credit card debt	Other consumer debt or loan(s)
N/A: \$0	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
\$1 to \$4,999	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
\$5,000 to \$9,999	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
\$10,000 to \$14,999	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
\$15,000 to \$19,999	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
\$20,000 to \$24,999	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
\$25,000 to \$29,999	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
\$30,000 to \$49,999	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ
\$50,000 to \$74,999	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ
\$75,000 to \$99,999	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ
\$100,000 or more	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I don't know/I prefer not to answer	0	0	0

51c. If you prefer not to provide a dollar amount, we would appreciate if you could select the category that best represents the amount you owe.

Amount of non-educational, consumer debt: **mortgage(s)**.

	Mortgage(s)
N/A: \$0	\bigcirc
\$1 to \$4,999	\bigcirc
\$5,000 to \$9,999	\bigcirc
\$10,000 to \$14,999	\bigcirc
\$15,000 to \$19,999	\bigcirc
\$20,000 to \$24,999	\bigcirc
\$25,000 to \$29,999	\bigcirc

	Mortgage(s)		
\$30,000 to \$49,999			
\$50,000 to \$74,999			
\$75,000 to \$99,999			
\$100,000 to \$124,999			
\$125,000 to \$149,999			
\$150,000 to \$174,999			
\$175,000 to \$199,999			
\$200,000 to \$224,999			
\$225,000 to \$249,999			
\$250,000 to \$274,999			
\$275,000 to \$299,999			
\$300,000 to \$349,999			
\$350,000 to \$399,999			
\$400,000 to \$449,999			
\$450,000 to \$499,999			
\$500,000 to \$549,999			
\$550,000 to \$599,999			
\$600,000 or higher			
I don't know/I prefer not to answer			
F2. What do you anticipate your total do	ht (eveluding nevernal debt) to be from ottending DA school?		
	bt (excluding personal debt) to be from attending PA school?		
\$0			
\$1 to \$24,999			
\$25,000 to \$49,999			
() \$50,000 to \$74,999			
\$75,000 to \$99,999			
() \$100,000 to \$124,999			
\$125,000 to \$149,999			
\$150,000 to \$174,999			
\$175,000 to \$199,999			
\$200,000 or greater			
○ I don't know/I prefer not to answer			

Conclusion and Thank You

53. Thank you for your participation. Please comment below on any questions that you considered to confusing or difficult to respond to. We would also appreciate any other feedback you would like to off in order to improve our survey.		
54. If you are interested in being entered into a drawing for one of four \$25 Amazon gift cards, please provide your email address below. Your email address is not stored with your responses and will be permanently deleted as soon as the drawing is complete.		
If you have any questions or need to report any errors concerning your survey, please contact PAEA Research Staff at research@PAEAonline.org . If you need to change any responses, PAEA Research Staff will be happy to assist you. Please be sure to hit the "submit" button and close this browser window when you are done in order to protect your privacy.		
Best wishes for your PA career,		
PAEA Research Staff		

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