

NEW STUDENT

ORIENTATION 2020

Physician
Assistant
Studies

June 1 – 5



Office of Admissions and Student Affairs

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Dear Morehouse School of Medicine Student:

Our school is graced by an overwhelming number of exceptionally well-qualified applicants. You are in good company, and I am delighted to help you begin your journey into the remarkable profession of medicine.

Professional school study is a time of exploration and immersion in your desired specialty. It is a time for the free exchange of ideas, acquisition of new skills, and creation of knowledge. It is a time when faculty will change from being your teachers to being mentors and colleagues.

Morehouse School of Medicine was founded in 1975 as the Medical Education Program at Morehouse College. In 1981, Morehouse School of Medicine became an independently chartered institution and the first established at a Historically Black College and University in the 20th century. Our focus on primary care and addressing the needs of the underserved is critical to improving overall health care.

During the course of my career, I have had the privilege to work in several other major health sciences centers, and I believe our faculty is second to none. Our faculty and staff are committed to exceptional teaching, research, and patient care. We will never lose sight of the responsibility to guide, support, and teach. Morehouse School of Medicine has graduated many medical students over the years, and we remain the leading educator of primary care physicians in the United States.

Our medical school is inextricably linked to our principal teaching hospital, Grady Memorial Hospital, and several affiliates: The Atlanta VA, WellStar Atlanta Medical Center, and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Grady Memorial Hospital is the largest safety-net hospital in the Atlanta area, from core primary-care services for the Atlanta region to complex cutting-edge referral services for patients from all over the world with our students as part of the clinical team. Here at Morehouse School of Medicine, students learn the basics of clinical practice by actually contributing.

We are also excited about the many research and community engagement opportunities afforded our students. Morehouse School of Medicine understands the valuable link among research, community participation, and patient care. As we work to realize our vision to lead the creation and advancement of health equity, we recognize that in order to improve health outcomes we must foster innovative research that moves beyond the lab and directly to the patients who need it most.

We are proud of our institution, our facilities, and our programs, but it is the people who make it all work. We are enormously proud of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni. I look forward to meeting each of you personally and hearing your story; please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Sincerely,



Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD
President and Dean



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Greetings Physician Assistant Entering Class of 2020,

On behalf of the Admissions and Student Affairs Team, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Morehouse School of Medicine family!

We look forward to an opportunity to help you navigate your way through the challenging pursuit of your graduate degree. You will find that the faculty, staff, and administrators of MSM have created an environment that is conducive to learning, enhances emotional well-being, and helps in your professional growth. We look forward to assisting you in achieving your full potential.

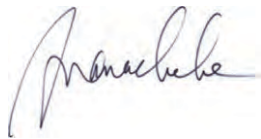
We understand the challenges of performing well in your coursework, and we hope that our carefully cultivated “user-friendly” approach provided by our supportive student services team will aid you in your successful navigation toward obtaining your advanced degree.

Our students have a great sense of purpose and are noted for their outstanding effort, persistence, exemplary academic performance, and true grit. Our students come from various cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds and go on to become scientists and public health professionals who truly embody and carry out the great mission of this school:

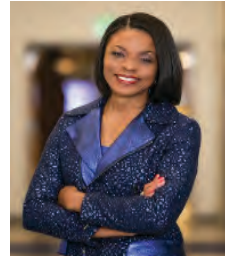
“Improving the health and well-being of individuals and communities; increasing the diversity of the health professional and scientific workforce and addressing primary health care needs... with emphasis on people of color and the underserved urban and rural populations across Georgia and the nation.”

We hope you will take full advantage of what we have to offer, and we look forward to you becoming a student who embodies the MSM ideals of Excellence, Service, Knowledge, Wisdom, Integrity, and Innovation. Join us as we Lead the Creation and Advancement of Health Equity!

Warmest Regards,



Ngozi F. Anachebe, Pharm.D, MD, '98, FACOG
Associate Dean, Admissions & Student Affairs
Associate Professor of Clinical Obstetrics & Gynecology



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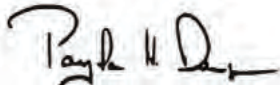
Dear MSM PAS Program Class of 2022,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Morehouse School of Medicine. Congratulations on your acceptance into the MSM Physician Assistant Studies program! Whether you are coming to us from throughout Georgia or across the country, you are joining an interprofessional community of service-oriented scholars aspiring to change lives through education, research, service, and patient care.

Our vision of leading the creation and advancement of health equity is central in all that we propose to do at MSM. The addition of the PAS program offers another approach in addressing the healthcare provider shortage and health care disparities in rural and underserved communities. The program you have chosen to join exists to equip aspiring learners to become competent and compassionate healthcare providers. As a future leader, you will embark upon a training and educational experience that will prepare you to respond to the increasing healthcare demands across Georgia and around the globe. You will be empowered to impact your community and improve healthcare outcomes.

This life-changing journey will be unlike anything you have experienced before today. Like the great Olympians around the world, you have trained and prepared for this race. This is your moment. Remember you are running a marathon and not a sprint. Your perseverance (GRIT), passion, and courage have brought you to this point. These same attributes will be pivotal in guiding you across the finish line. Embrace. Embark. Endure...and most importantly, Enjoy! Well done! We are looking forward to watching you cross the finish line.

Sincerely,



Pangela Dawson, PhD, MSPAS, PA-C
Founding Program Director
MSM Physician Assistant Program



Physician Assistant Studies

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Felicia Slaton, MHS, PA-C
Clinical Director

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Administrative Assistant III

PA Orientation Schedule Monday, June 1, 2020 JUMPstart

Zoom Host: Tyra

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| 8 – 9:50 am | Making the Transition to PA School
Pangela H. Dawson, PhD, MSPAS, PA-C
Founding Program Director |
| 9:55 – 10:25 am | Tools for Success in Basic Science Courses
Sarah J. Greene, PhD
Assistant Professor, Pathology & Anatomy |
| 10:30 – 11:30 am | VARK Learning Styles Inventory
Sheena D. Brown, PhD, MSCR
Director of Curriculum Innovation and Evaluation
Keisha Chandler, MPA
Clinical Curriculum Manager |

11:30 am – Noon **Lunch**

Zoom Host: Mieshia

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| Noon – 1 pm | OSLER Overview
Kimberly C. Redding, MD, MPH, FCAP, FASCP
Interim Director, Office of Student Learning and Educational Resources
Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology and Anatomy |
| 1:05 – 2:35 pm | Myers Briggs Discussion
Shawn Garrison, PhD
Director, Counseling Services |
| 2:35 – 2:45 pm | Closing
Pangela H. Dawson, PhD, MSPAS, PA-C
Founding Program Director |

PA Orientation Schedule Tuesday, June 2, 2020 JUMPstart

Zoom Host: Takelion

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8 – 8:45 am	Wellness/Balance for PA School – Overview Vaughn Gay, DSW-C, LPC, MAC Assistant Director, Counseling Services
8:50 – 9:20 am	Stress Management through Consciously Resting Kofi Kondwani, PhD, MS Assistant Professor, Community Health and Preventive Medicine
9:25 – 10:25 am	Goal Setting Felicia Slaton, MHS, PA-C Clinical Director Roselle Caruth, MEd Curriculum Manager
10:30 – 11:15 am	Letter to Self Mieshia Baker-Dunn, MBA Program Manager
11:20 – 11:50 am	Buddy Session Pangela H. Dawson, PhD, MSPAS, PA-C Founding Program Director
11:50 am – Noon	Closing Pangela H. Dawson, PhD, MSPAS, PA-C Founding Program Director

Physician Assistant Orientation Schedule Wednesday, June 3, 2020 Office of Admissions

Zoom Host: Dominique

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/94107040996?pwd=Y0REK1hHYi9NanpiYnVLbW1ZT2EwQT09>

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9:15 – 10:15 am	Greetings & Welcome / Introduction of Faculty Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD President & Dean
	Introduction of Students Ngozi F. Anachebe, Pharm.D, MD, '98, FACOG Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs
10:15 – 10:45 am	Student Health Services Sarita Cathcart, RN Assistant Director – Family Medicine
11 – 11:30 am	HSA Consulting – Student Insurance Daryl Hall
11:30 pm – Noon	Advisor/Advisee Check-In
Noon – 2 pm	Lunch on Your Own
2 – 5 pm	Laptop Distribution on Campus (communication sent separately)

Physician Assistant Orientation Schedule Wednesday, June 3, 2020 Concurrent Family Session

Zoom Host: Roselle

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97968175536?pwd=ak5INHVhVGxlbTVEdkk0bmcwNEc1UT09>

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Noon – 12:15 pm	Welcome Folashade Omole, MD, FAAFP MSM Director of Family Medicine
12:15 – 12:45 pm	Program Expectations & Curriculum Pangela H. Dawson, PhD, MSPAS, PA-C Founding Program Director
12:45 – 1:15 pm	What Your Student Needs from You Carl Frizell, PhD, PA-C Principal Faculty
1:25 – 1:55 pm	Letter to Student Carl Frizell, PhD, PA-C Principal Faculty Mieshia Baker-Dunn, MBA Program Manager
2 – 2:30 pm	Counseling Services Shawn Garrison, PhD Director, Counseling Services Vaughn Gay, DSW-C, LPC, MAC Assistant Director, Counseling Services
2:30 – 3 pm	Closing Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD President and Dean Pangela H. Dawson, PhD, MSPAS, PA-C Founding Program Director

Physician Assistant Orientation Schedule Thursday, June 4, 2020 Office of Admissions

Zoom Host: Dominique

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8:30 – 9:30 am	Debt Management/Money Matters Kathy Odom, BBA Student Fiscal Affairs Office Manager
9:30 – 10 am	Public Safety
10 – 11 am	Understanding Title IX & Disability Services Marla Thompson, MPA HR Manager
11 – 11:30 am	Library Orientation Tara Douglas-Williams Library Manager
11:45 am – Noon	Compliance Awareness Carl Ware Training Coordinator - Compliance
Noon – 12:30 pm	Lunch on your own
12:30 – 1 pm	Registrar Angela Freeman, MAAS Registrar Specialist
1 – 2 pm	Finance Office Trina Cohen Account Receivable & Student Accounts Manager

Physician Assistant Orientation Schedule Friday, June 5, 2020 PA Program Administration

Zoom Host: Keisha

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99667617403?pwd=Q2pKRHNNTkwvTEpRVjcyUGx6Qzd0Zz09>

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8 – 9 am	Overview of Program Policies Pangela H. Dawson, PhD, MSPAS, PA-C Founding Program Director
9 – 9:30 am	Pre-Clinical Curriculum Overview Donny Ard, PhD, MHA, PA-C Academic Director Deborah F. Nickel, PhD, MBA, PA-C Interim Academic Director
9:30 – 10 am	Exam Soft Training Allison Legister, Sr. Learning Technology Specialist Michelle N. McIver, Office of Digital Learning
10 – 10:15 am	Break
10:15 – 10:45 am	Clinical Year Overview Felicia Slaton, MHS, PA-C Clinical Director
10:45 – 11:15 am	TBL (Make it Stick) Pangela H. Dawson, PhD, MSPAS, PA-C Founding Program Director
11:15 – 11:45 am	Class Pledge – Statement of Engagement and Accountability Shawn Garrison, PhD Director, Counseling Services
11:45 am – Noon	Orientation Wrap-Up Pangela H. Dawson, PhD, MSPAS, PA-C Founding Program Director
Noon – 1 pm	Lunch
1 – 4 pm	Community Service Project Stephanie Y. Banks, MPH Director of Community Health Engagement

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Morehouse School of Medicine Physician Assistant Studies 2020 Incoming Class

Obinna Akuma	NJ Rowen University Biology 2016
Calbeth Alaribe	NV University of Nevada, Reno Nutrition/Dietetics 2015
Sayed S. Bahadari	GA University of Georgia Public Health 2015
Michaela Bennet	SC Coastal Carolina University Exercise & Sports Science 2017
Deidra Bohannon	GA Georgia State University B.S. Respiratory Therapy 2016
James Brown	GA University of North Georgia Biology 2019
Rebeka Bryan	GA Armstrong Atlantic State University Biology 2014
Ojjaje Ehimen	GA University of Georgia Biology 2017
Adesikemi Ewedemi	GA Columbus State University Health Science / Premedical 2014
Erinn Fincher	GA University of Georgia Biology 2018
Tia Flowers	TX University of Texas at San Antonio Biomedical Engineering 2016
Islam Galgal	GA Georgia State University Biology 2017
Annette Ginigeme	TX Texas Tech University Nursing 2018
Teyaijah Givens	GA Georgia Southern University Biology/Pre-Medicine 2016
Rhe'a Green	GA Savannah State University Biology 2014
Douglas Hernandez	GA University of Georgia Biology 2014
Samantha Hippolyte	GA Georgia Southern University Chemistry 2016
LaDawonna Linnear	HW Columbus State University Biology 2015
Isabelle Loureiro	GA Florida State University Psychology 2017
Cameron Martin	NC Clemson University Microbiology 2014
Cydni Martin	GA Georgia Southern Public Health 2014
Kimia Nezefat	GA Georgia Perimeter College Health 2018
Vuong Nguyen	MN University of Minnesota – Twin Cities Biology 2017
Noble Ogbu Jr.	GA Morehouse College Biology 2016
Fatima Oyaifo	CA San Francisco State University Biology 2019
Fantasia Remonvil	GA Liberty University Biological Sciences 2016
Nicholas Seenath	NJ Rutgers – State University of NJ – New Brunswick Biological Sciences 2014
Maya Stokes	GA Fort Valley State University Biology May 2019
Morgan Stokes	GA Fort Valley State University Biology May 2019