



**MOREHOUSE**  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
Physician Assistant Studies

# NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2021

Office of Admissions and Student Affairs

JUNE 2-3

## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2021

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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD  
President and Dean

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Greetings Physician Assistant Studies Entering Class of 2021

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 exemplary Physician Assistants, medical doctors, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ngozi F. Anachebe".

Ngozi F. Anachebe, Pharm.D, M.D., '98, F.A.C.O.G.

Associate Dean, Admissions & Student Affairs

Associate Professor of Clinical Obstetrics & Gynecology

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### Dear MSM PAS Program Inaugural Class of 2023,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Morehouse School of Medicine. Congratulations on your acceptance into the MSM Physician Assistant Studies program! You have made history in becoming a member of the Inaugural Class of 2023. 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 in the creation and advancement of health equity* is central in all that we purpose 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pangela Dawson".

Sincerely,

Pangela Dawson, PhD, MSPAS, PA-C Founding

Program Director

MSM Physician Assistant Program

## **MSM PAS Administration, Faculty, and Staff**

Donny Ard, PhD, MHA, PA-C – Academic Director, Associate Professor

Stephanie Y. Banks, MPH – Community Engagement Director, Instructor

Sheena Brown, PhD, MSCR – Curriculum Innovation and Evaluation Director, Assistant Professor

Roselle M. Caruth, M.Ed – Program Manager PALS

Keisha Chandler, MPA – Clinical Curriculum Manager

Pangela H. Dawson, PhD, PA-C – Program Director, Assistant Professor

Diane Dennis-Griggs, MP-C – Clinical Instructor

Charlene Justin, MMSc, PA-C, OT – Instructor

Miesha Baker Dunn, MBA – Program Manager

Debra F. Nickell, PhD, MBA, PA-C – Interim clinical Director, Associate Professor

Folashade Omole, MD, FAAFP – Medical Director, Professor

Corey Simth, MBA – Program Coordinator

Tyra Willingham, MPH – Curriculum Manager

### **Adjunct Faculty**

Ebony Blackmon, MSPAS, PA-C

Sabrina Jackson Botts, MMSc, PA-C

Omofolarin Fasuyi, MD, MPH

Donna Murray DMSc, MS, PA-C

Candace Wooten, MPAS, PA-C

# NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2021

## Physician Assistant Studies Orientation Schedule

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Hugh Gloster Building – MD 1 Classroom

8:00 am – 9:00 am                      **Registration and Breakfast** (Hugh Gloster Lobby)

9:00 am – 10:00 am                   **Greetings & Welcome/Introduction of Faculty**

Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD

President & Dean

**Introduction of Students**

Ngozi F. Anachebe, Pharm.D, M.D., '98, F.A.C.O.G.

Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs

10:00 am – 10:30 am                   **Student Health and Wellness**

Laura Joseph, M.D., Director

Natarsha Rucker, R.N

10:30 am – 11:15 am                   **HSA Consulting, Inc. – Student Insurance**

Daryl Hall, Vice President

11:15 am – 11:45 am                   **Compliance Awareness/HIPAA Training**

Carl Ware, Training Coordinator

11:45 am – 12:30 pm                   **Lunch** (Hugh Gloster Lobby)

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm                   **IT Customer Service/Laptop Distribution**

Sam Chupp

*Help Desk Technician, IT Customer Service*

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm                   **Canvas, Techsmith, and TurningPoint**

Allison Legister, Jinjie Zheng, PhD

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## Physician Assistant Studies Orientation Schedule

Thursday, June 3, 2021

### Hugh Gloster Building – MD 1 Classroom

8:00 am – 9:00 am	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b> (Hugh Gloster Lobby)
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Debt Management/Money Matters</b>  Kathy Odom, BBA, Debt Manager
10:00 am – 11:00 am	<b>Understanding Title IX &amp; Disability Services</b>  Marla Thompson, MPA , Human Resources Manager
11:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>Library Orientation</b>  Library Staff
11:30 am- 12:15 pm	<b>Lunch</b> (Hugh Gloster Lobby)
12:15 pm – 12:30 pm	<b>Transition to M1 Classroom</b>
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Office of the Registrar</b>  Angela Freeman, MAAS, Registrar
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>Finance Office</b>  Trina Shelton, Senior Accountant
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Public Safety</b>  Joe Chevalier, Chief

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### OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Ngozi F. Anachebe.....	Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs Associate Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology
Dr. Kennie Shepherd.....	Assistant Dean, Student Affairs Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology
Dr. Shawntel Jordon.....	Director, Admissions
Angela Freeman.....	Registrar & Director, Student Information Systems
LaZondra Hill.....	Assistant Director, Admissions
Denisha Wise.....	Program Manager of Student Life
Travis Copeland.....	Program Manager, UME
Jasmin Bland.....	UME Clinical Curriculum Manager
Isaiah Kettles.....	UME Clinical Curriculum Coordinator
Alease Carter.....	Pre-Clinical Science Curriculum Manager
Mekeon Yarber.....	Pre-Clinical Science Curriculum Coordinator
Mario Graydon.....	Senior Registrar Specialist
Janet Revere.....	Administrative Assistant II, Registrar's Office
LaRonda Evans.....	Administrative Assistant III to Dr. Ngozi F. Anachebe
Qiana Williams.....	Data Management Specialist
Natalia Cook.....	Administrative Assistant II
Jessica Collier.....	Administrative Assistant II
Rashad Ramsey.....	Administrative Assistant II

### OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH AND HEALTH CAREERS

Dr. Rahmelle Thompson.....	Assistant Dean, Pipeline Initiatives and Executive Director of UHSA
Dr. Ryan Clark.....	Assistant Director, Pipeline Initiatives
Jarrod Lockhart.....	Assistant Director, HCOP
Alexandar Dansby.....	Administrative Assistant, HCOP
Jacqueline Thrash.....	Program Coordinator, Mentoring
Stephanie Mathuran.....	Program Manager, MSM STEAM 4-8
Jasmine Mattison.....	Program Manager, HCOP
Dr. Christina Muhammed.....	Program Manager, UHSA
Ms. Linda Nelson.....	Administrative Assistant, UHSA

### OFFICE OF STUDENT FISCAL AFFAIRS

Cynthia Handy.....	Director, Student Fiscal Affairs
Chandra Flowers.....	Assistant Director, Student Fiscal Affairs
Kathy Odom.....	Manager, Debt Management/Default Prevention
Israel Demercado.....	Financial Aid Coordinator
Sherita Edmonds.....	Scholarship and Financial Aid Coordinator II
Stacey Smoak.....	Scholarship and Financial Aid Coordinator
Steven Smith.....	Financial Aid Debt Counselor

### OFFICE OF COUNSELING SERVICES

Dr. Shawn Garrison.....	Director, Counseling Services
Jenay Hicks, MS, LAPC, NCC.....	Assistant Director, Counseling Services and Resident Wellbeing
Kendall Cantey.....	Counselor
Tyese Murphy.....	Administrative Assistant II
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#### *2021 Entering Class*

First Name	Last Name	State	Undergraduate Institution	Year
Arlisia	Ables	Florida	University of Miami	2015
Khayrassa	Abraham	Georgia	Savannah State University	2016
Parion	Alexander	Alabama	Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University	2021
Leah	Arms	Georgia	Georgia State University	2017
Olinese	Augustin	Florida	Florida Atlantic University	2017
Akeem	Borom	Colorado	University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa	2013
Janae'	Bryant	Georgia	Georgia State University	2019
Priscylla	Carvalho	Florida	University of Central Florida	2018
Vanessa	Castro	Georgia	University of Georgia	2019
Mckenzie	Clark	Alabama	Jacksonville State University	2018
Shamaye	Dixon	Ohio	Tuskegee University	2016
Jennifer	Farman	Florida	Florida State University	2019
Alexis	Gamble	Georgia	Ursuline College	2020
Raynesha	Grant	Alabama	Spelman College	2012
Ashley	Green	New York	CUNY – College of Staten Island	2019
Davianna	Griffin	Georgia	Clark Atlanta University	2018
Jada	Hyland	Georgia	University of Georgia	2019
Jessica	Joyner	California	University of San Francisco	2017
Kia	Kenebrew	Texas	Spelman College	2016
Emily	Liang	Maryland	University of Maryland – College Park	2015
Jessica	Lyster	Alabama	Mississippi State University	2018
Rachel	Magistre Thomas	Florida	Southern Adventist University	2002
Amiah	Mccray	Alabama	Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University)	2016
Timoya	McKay	Georgia	Spelman College	2017
Christine	Miller	Arizona	Whittier College	2018
Nnamdi	Ofodile	Florida	Jacksonville University	2015
Daniya	Pate	North Carolina	Fayetteville State University	2019
Courtney	Philpot	Georgia	Armstrong Atlantic State University	2011

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Masia	Ravare	Texas	Louisiana State University - A&M College – Baton Rouge	2015
Brea	Reese	Alabama	Miles College	2018
Cassandra	Riley	Pennsylvania	Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	2020
Kayla	Sams	Indiana	Clark Atlanta University	2018
Deja	Shelton	Illinois	Ball State University	2018
Destinyee	Sims	Georgia	Bethune-Cookman University	2019
Shavanna	Tappin	Georgia	Georgia State University	2017
Meagan	Titus	North Carolina	East Carolina University	2017
Shameka	White	Georgia	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	2018
Ashley	Williams	North Carolina	University of North Carolina - Charlotte	2017
Clayton	Williams	South Carolina	University of South Carolina - Columbia	2017
Sara	Worku	Washington	University of Portland	2021