NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
2021

Office of Admissions and Student Affairs
JUNE 2-3
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,

Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD
President and Dean
Physician Assistant Studies
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,

Ngozi F. Anachebe, Pharm.D, M.D., '98, F.A.C.O.G.
Associate Dean, Admissions & Student Affairs
Associate Professor of Clinical Obstetrics & Gynecology

Physician Assistant Studies
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.

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
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Sheena Brown, PhD, MSCR – Curriculum Innovation and Evaluation Director, Assistant Professor
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Miesha Baker Dunn, MBA – Program Manager
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Folashade Omole, MD, FAAFP – Medical Director, Professor
Corey Simth, MBA – Program Coordinator
Tyra Willingham, MPH – Curriculum Manager

Adjunct Faculty

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Sabrina Jackson Botts, MMSc, PA-C
Omofolarin Fasuyi, MD, MPH
Donna Murray DMSc, MS, PA-C
Candace Wooten, MPAS, PA-C

Physician Assistant Studies
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  
Registration and Breakfast (Hugh Gloster Lobby)

9:00 am – 10:00 am  
Debt Management/Money Matters
Kathy Odom, BBA, Debt Manager

10:00 am – 11:00 am  
Understanding Title IX & Disability Services
Marla Thompson, MPA, Human Resources Manager

11:00 am – 11:30 am  
Library Orientation
Library Staff

11:30 am – 12:15 pm  
Lunch (Hugh Gloster Lobby)

12:15 pm – 12:30 pm  
Transition to M1 Classroom

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm  
Office of the Registrar
Angela Freeman, MAAS, Registrar

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Finance Office
Trina Shelton, Senior Accountant

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm  
Public Safety
Joe Chevalier, Chief

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Isaiah Kettles.................................................... UME Clinical Curriculum Coordinator
Alease Carter................................................... Pre-Clinical Science Curriculum Manager
Mekeon Yarber................................................. Pre-Clinical Science Curriculum Coordinator
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LaRonda Evans................................................ Administrative Assistant III to Dr. Ngozi F. Anachebe
Qiana Williams................................................ Data Management Specialist
Natalia Cook................................................... Administrative Assistant II
Jessica Collier................................................ Administrative Assistant I
Rashad Ramsey.............................................. Administrative Assistant I

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Dr. Christina Muhammed............................... Program Manager, UHSA
Ms. Linda Nelson........................................... Administrative Assistant, UHSA

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Stacey Smoak............................................. Scholarship and Financial Aid Coordinator
Steven Smith............................................... Financial Aid Debt Counselor

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Kendall Cantey............................................ Counselor
Tyese Murphy............................................. Administrative Assistant II

Physician Assistant Studies
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## Physician Assistant Studies

### 2021 Entering Class

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