Office of Admissions and Student Affairs

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2022

New Student Orientation 2022
Physician Assistant Studies
June 1st – June 3rd
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
Dear Morehouse School of Medicine Students:

Welcome to Morehouse School of Medicine. This period of time that you have chosen to pursue a career in health science is like none other in recent memory, and your choice to entrust your career journey to Morehouse School of Medicine faculty and staff, clinicians and other learners gives us all a sense of pride. Your matriculation to Morehouse School of Medicine represents a new and exciting chapter in your career path and we are committed to guide you as you discover your passion for medicine, health care, and health equity.

We are at tipping point in our history at the Morehouse School of Medicine. The COVID-19 pandemic, the murder of George Floyd, and so many other events have cast a light on inequities and health care disparities like never before, and Morehouse School of Medicine stands on a focal point of interest and investment on how we can change lives, our communities, and the world for better health. We aim to diversity the scientific and clinical work force to broaden the impact on the types of problems that afflict all of society but most imperatively, with a focus on those issues that most impact underrepresented communities that have historically received little attention, investment, or investigation. Our school will build the work force of the future that will change lives and communities, focused on culturally competent care and equity as the central pillar of our mission. We have ascended the impact ladder through national recognition for our social mission, and our people and our expertise in basic research, implementation science, public health and clinical care stands out amongst our peers. We have deep talent at Morehouse School of Medicine, and we are poised to generate high impact.

Having you as a class join us on our journey is a privilege. Through your efforts of inquiry, advancing your knowledge and expertise and following your individual passions, you will make us all better. I am excited by the journey ahead and the contributions you will make.

I look forward to this coming year and the years to come.

With Deepest Appreciation,

J. Adrian Tyndall, MD, MPH
Executive Vice President for Health Affairs
Professor and Dean
Morehouse School of Medicine
Welcome to Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) where we lead in the creation and advancement of health equity! We are so excited to have you as part of our MSM family. You are not only a student, but you are a health equity warrior! What does that mean? We will educate and guide you to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will allow you to deliver compassionate, culturally competent care to patients and communities, eliminate health disparities and challenge systems and notions that limit people from reaching their optimal health.

Fifteen years ago, I came to MSM as an Assistant Professor of Medicine. MSM’s mission was so closely aligned with my personal mission—to serve the underserved—I knew I had found my place and my people. Though I spent most of my early career at MSM in graduate medical education (residents), I have always been utterly impressed by our students. The care and compassion you provide our patients at our clinical sites is unrivaled.

MSM’s Office of Student Affairs exists to provide support services, advising, and innovative programs for students. Our vision: To empower and engage students to reach their full potential. Our Mission: The MSM Office of Student Affairs advances health equity through providing our diverse group of health care professional students with holistic advisement, guidance and support that is flexible, timely and compassionate helping them to succeed on their educational journey.

Our Core values: Wisdom, Excellence, and Service (MSM core values) and Inclusivity and Compassion.

We achieve our mission by focusing on three key areas: Wellness, Engagement, and Resources.

Wellness: We are uniquely attuned to the fact that holistic wellness is a key component to student success. Our Counseling Services office has three counselor’s adept at working with students in the graduate education space. In addition, we have a Student Health and Wellness Center just steps away from campus where students can get primary care, vaccinations, health screenings, and mental health services. There is an on-campus fitness center as well as a YMCA across the street. During this upcoming year we will be engaging in an innovative wellness program called “Core Wellness.” We are excited to begin this initiative with your incoming class. A Student Wellness Committee will be key in helping us plan wellness-related activities for the upcoming year.

Engagement: There are over 30 student organizations at MSM. The OSA supports these organizations through assisting with events and fundraisers. Student leaders are actively engaged to participate in important campus events. At MSM, we have a highly active and engaged Student Government Association. In addition to sponsoring student events, the SGA sponsors Student Town Hall meetings and the leadership actively advocates student issues and concerns. We also have a Campus Activity Board that sponsors activities for all students and a newly formed Interprofessional Education Council.

Resources: In addition to those resources listed above we actively partner with OSLER (Academic Student Support Services), Undergraduate Medical Education, The Dean’s Office, and the Office of Disability Services to make sure that students have the resources that they need to be successful during their educational journey. During this upcoming year we are excited to build our student advising system and continue and expand our peer support services for our students. We also house the Office of the Registrar that oversees transcript requests, etc.

In closing, we are delighted to have you join us at Morehouse School of Medicine. I look forward to meeting each of you and supporting you on your health care journey!

Sincerely,

Cinnamon D. Bradley, MD
Associate Dean of Student Affairs
Professor of Medicine
Greetings Physician Assistant Studies Entering Class of 2022,

On behalf of the Admissions 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,

Franklyn Geary, Jr. M.D., FACOG
Associate Dean of Admissions
Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology
Dear MSM PAS Program Class of 2024,

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 Class of 2024. 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 under-served 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 Department of Physician Assistant Studies
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Morehouse School of Medicine
Department of Physician Assistant Studies

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Physician Assistant Studies Orientation Schedule
Wednesday, June 1, 2022
Office of Admissions
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

Joseph A. Tyndall, MD, MPH
Executive Vice-President of Health Affairs and Dean

Introduction of Students
Franklyn Geary, Jr. M.D., FACOG
Associate Dean of Admissions

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

Kitty Carter-Wicker, MD-Director / Kristy McDonald, NP

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

Karin Swanson, President

11:15 am – 12:00 pm  Compliance Awareness/HIPAA Training

Carl Ware, Training Coordinator

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm  Lunch (Hugh Gloster Lobby)

12:45 pm – 2:45 pm  IT Customer Service/Laptop Distribution

Sam Chupp, Bridget Miller, Jarvis Darrisaw

2:45 pm – 4:00 pm  Digital Learning-Canvas, Techsmith, TurningPoint, and ExamSoft

Jinjie Zheng, PhD, Padarrah Moss, Tyra Willingham
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Physician Assistant Studies Orientation Schedule
Thursday, June 2, 2022
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Hugh Gloster Building – MD 1 Classroom

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