The Physician Assistant will be assigned to interested facilities throughout VHA in support of COVID-19 operations and may be temporarily appointed (not-to-exceed 120 days) on an intermittent, part-time or full-time schedule in support of the VA facilities across the Nation.

Responsibilities

The Physician Assistant provides effective care to patients characterized by using sound judgment in assessing, planning, implementing, documenting and evaluating patient care. This includes possessing the skill and competency to obtain thorough medical histories, perform comprehensive physical examinations, order appropriate diagnostic studies, interpret and analyze medical data, establish diagnoses, formulate and implement treatment plans, and modify treatment plans when appropriate.

Major duties consist of, but are not limited to:

- Performs comprehensive medical assessments with advanced clinical knowledge and competence to function in a variety of roles;
- Uses clinical skills and knowledge to complete comprehensive medical and physical assessments, and preventative medical services;
- Independently carries out assignments, coordinating with others as necessary and discussing scope of the assignment, approaches, timeframes, and execution phases with leadership;
- Collaborates with other health-care resources to insure timely and appropriate care of patients;
- Performs activities related to follow-up of abnormal lab and radiology results, keeping communication open with the patient/veterans and/or their families, and ensuring that staff is kept abreast on clinical conditions.

**Work Schedule:** Varies based on facility needs

**Travel Required**

Occasional travel - PAs will be assigned to VA facilities within their local commuting area/self-identified locations, unless need is expanded to other locations in which case PAs will be provided lodging, meals, travel and incidental expenses.