



The Preceptor's Newsletter

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THANK YOU!

Misericordia Physician Assistant Program would like to extend its gratitude for your continued support of our students and our program. Our first cohort graduated on August 20, 2014 and we could not have done it without you! Having graduated our first cohort, we are happy to have the Class of 2015 well on its way into their clinical experiences.

MORE BENEFITS TO PRECEPTING

As you know, precepting keeps you on top of your game clinically. You continue to learn by challenging your students to research the most up to date treatments and procedures. Many of you are or will soon be involved in your own research projects. Don't forget to involve your students! They can assist you in gathering data and analyzing information for your ongoing Quality Improvement projects.

KNOW A COLLEAGUE WHO'D LIKE TO GIVE BACK TO THE PROFESSION?

If you have a friend or colleague who'd like to start precepting, just have them go to our web page at http://misericordia.edu/phyasst/phyasst_form.cfm contact the Director of Clinical Education, Darci Brown at dbrown@misericordia.edu to get started.



Class of 2015 Clinical



Class of 2014 PA Program Completion

CLASS 2014 SUCCESS

So far 13 of 20 students have passed their PANCE (national board exam) – the rest have yet to take the exam. We have alum now employed in an ICU in NY, in surgery in Hazelton, in psychology with Dr. Matthew Berger, in pediatric neurosurgery in Miami, in pain management on Long Island, in orthopedic surgery in Philadelphia, and much more! We are so proud of all of them!

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT NUTRITION?

Starting in the spring semester 2015, Misericordia will offer its first graduate course in a new nutrition series. Foundations in Nutrition will be a completely online course available to those who have completed a Bachelor degree in science (Organic Chemistry II highly recommended) or are a Board Certified Physician Assistant or a doctor.

Contact Darci Brown at dbrown@misericordia.edu for more information.



MEET THE CLASS OF 2015



Katelyn Navitsky

Class President

My name is Katelyn Navitsky, a Physician Assistant Student from New Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I received my undergraduate degree in Biology from the University of Scranton and completed a Biomedical Master certificate program at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine before beginning my PA education. I have previously worked as a nursing assistant at Schuylkill Medical

Center in Pottsville, PA providing direct care to patients on a medical/surgical floor. While at Misericordia I was elected to be president of the class of 2015 and led our class in several fundraising endeavors and volunteer projects. I am looking forward to rotating through the many medical specialties and hope my experience this year will direct my future career plans.



Jillian Anderson

My name is Jillian Anderson. I'm a second year PA student at Misericordia University. I am originally from New Jersey and received my Bachelor's degree from East Carolina University in 2011. I currently live in Dallas, PA and enjoy spending time with my pets, family, and friends. I am so grateful for the vast learning opportunities I have experienced thus far and am thoroughly excited for my future as a Physician Assistant!



Marcus Hodge

My name is Marcus Hodge and I am a second year Physician Assistant student at Misericordia University, class of 2015. I am 23 years old and from Mount Airy, Maryland, where I worked as an in-home Certified Nursing Assistant for five years out of high school. I received my bachelor degree in Biology from Mount Saint Mary's University in 2009, as well as a minor in Chemistry and Theology. My peers and I attended the 2014

AAPA National Conference in Boston, where we engaged in lecture experiences and the Challenge Bowl. I enjoy reading, watching movies, and listening to new music in my free time, as well as the occasional jog. My primary interests in medicine are addictive and internal medicine.



Allison DeMany

Hi! My name is Allison DeMany and I currently reside in Paupack, PA. I am a second year Physician Assistant student at Misericordia University in Dallas, PA. I earned my Bachelor of Science (B.S.)-Medical Science from Misericordia University in 2014 and B.S of Applied Science from Marywood University, Dunmore, PA in 2012. I am US Air Force Veteran who is now embarking on my second career as a PA. As a veteran, I plan to pursue my career with either the

Veteran's Administration or in Civil Service at a military installation base hospital. I am extremely excited to enter the PA Profession at this time of my life and look forward to giving back to my fellow veterans!



Anna Russo

My name is Anna Russo and I am a second year Physician Assistant student at Misericordia University. Originally from Longmeadow, MA, I completed my undergraduate studies in 2008 at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences with a BS degree in Premedical and Health Studies. While in the PA program, I was elected treasurer for our class Physician Assistant society. I have learned so much throughout my

didactic year and am excited to apply those skills during clinical rotations.



Justin Savitski

My name is Justin Savitski, a Physician Assistant Student from Throop, Pennsylvania. I received my bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from the University of Scranton in 2011. After graduating from Scranton, I attended Marquette School of Dentistry for a year, and then changed career paths. For the past two years, I've worked as a scribe in the Emergency Department at Geisinger-Community Medical Center in Scranton, PA and worked

as a customer service associate at Wegman's Food Markets in Dickson City, PA. My experiences as a scribe furthered my interest in the medical profession, directing my desire to become a Physician Assistant. In my spare time, I enjoy exercising, playing guitar, attending concerts, listening to music, and watching sports.