University of Missouri
Post-Graduate Fellowship for Physician Assistants in Hospital Medicine

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Requirements: Physician assistants must be NCCPA-certified or eligible and must be able to obtain a Missouri physician assistant license. To apply, you must complete an application and participate in an on-site personal interview.

Columbia, MO
Columbia, MO is the home of the University of Missouri. Located midway between Kansas City and St. Louis, Columbia is consistently rated as one of the best places to live in the United States. The city boasts affordable housing, a moderate cost of living, diverse cultural and economic opportunities, as well as excellent public schools.

Most people who live in this college town of approximately 115,000 residents, consider it the best of two worlds - small town convenience and warmth, with big-city sophistication and amenities.

Columbia offers a variety of recreational opportunities, including museums, theater, concerts and MU sports. More than 3,000 acres of state park lands are located within 10 miles of Columbia. The city itself includes more than 40 public parks and two state parks, including the MKT Trail—an urban running, walking and cycling trail that connects to Katy Trail State Park.
University Hospital, part of the University of Missouri Health System in Columbia, MO, is offering an intense and rewarding post-graduate fellowship for physician assistants in hospital medicine. The physician assistant fellowship program is a collaboration among University Hospital, the MU School of Medicine and its many clinical departments, and the MU School of Health Professions.

University Hospital is a 300–bed hospital in central Missouri. It serves as central Missouri’s only Level I trauma center and as a tertiary referral center for much of mid-Missouri.

University Hospital is located on the MU campus, along with its academic partners, the School of Medicine, the Sinclair School of Nursing and the School of Health Professions. As part of an academic medical center, University Hospital is host to many physician residency and fellowship programs.

About the Program

Physician assistants in the Hospital Medicine fellowship program will work with and under the supervision of hospital medicine, emergency medicine, surgical and critical care physicians and physician assistants.

Rotations will include experience in the Emergency Department, Frank L. Mitchell Jr., MD, Trauma Center, intensive care units, and medical and surgical inpatient floors. Each rotation will offer a unique perspective and approach to caring for patients through all acuities, including experience in performing emergent interventions. The fellowship program will provide world-class training in general and specialty adult medicine for hospital-based physician assistants.

Fellows will be trained to monitor, diagnose and treat serious, acute and critically ill patients. They also will receive procedural training within those sub-specialties, including central lines, arterial lines, intubations, chest tube placement, thoracentesis, paracentesis and lumbar punctures.

Fellows receive hands-on experience through classes in the Russell D. and Mary B. Shelden Clinical Simulation Center in preparation for performing supervised bedside interventions. In addition to receiving classroom and clinical experience, residents are expected to attend and participate in grand rounds, journal club departmental lectures, conferences and lectures by guest speakers.

Specialty Rotations

Hospital Medicine Physician Fellows are assigned elective rotations in each of the core subspecialties and given the opportunity to choose additional electives in areas of interest. This gives the fellows the opportunity to work towards their long-term goal. Some of the rotations include the following:

- Emergency Medicine
- MICU
- Palliative Care
- Peri-Operative
- Continuous Quality Improvement
- Cardiology
- Endocrine Consults
- Interventional Radiology
- Infectious Disease Consults
- Pulmonary Consults
- Research
- Radiology

Pay and Benefits

The Fellow Stipend for 2017-18: PGY-4 Level Salary

Additional benefits for fellows:
- 20 days paid time off
- FMLA leave
- Malpractice Insurance
- BLS and ACLS certification
- All meals provided (Physician Lounge)
- Medical Insurance
- Disability, Dental and Vision Insurance
- Parking
- Paid membership to Society of Hospital Medicine
- Paid trip to Society of Hospital Medicine Conference

For more information about employee benefits, please contact the Human Resources Department at (573) 882-8186.

Faculty

Zafar Ahmad, PA-C, CAQ, MS, MSPAS
- Program Director of the post-graduate Hospital Medicine Physician Assistant Fellowship Program
- Physician Assistant in University of Missouri School of Medicine Division of Hospital Medicine

Syed Hasan Naqvi, MD, FACP, SFHM
- Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine
- Medical Director of the post-graduate Hospital Medicine Physician Assistant Fellowship Program
- Associate Chief Medical Officer for MU Health System

Eric Johnson, PA-C, MSPAS
- Advisor for the post-graduate Hospital Medicine Physician Assistant Fellowship Program
- Associate Professor and Program Director for Stephens College PA Program

Heather Matthews, PA-C, MSPAS
- Advisor for the post-graduate Hospital Medicine Physician Assistant Fellowship Program
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