Lenoir Rhyne University
Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
UNDER DEVELOPMENT
Introduction

- Lenoir Rhyne - Developing PA Program
- The PA Profession
- Projected Changes
- Growth of Physician Assistant Schools
- North Carolina Physician Assistant Schools
What is A Physician Assistant?

• A healthcare provider who practices medicine under the supervision of a medical doctor.
Other Names for Physician Assistants

- Physician Extenders
- Physician Associates
- PA
- PA-C
- APA-C
- RPA-C
## Projected Changes from 2010-2020

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<th>Physician Assistants</th>
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<td>Employment 2010</td>
<td>83,600</td>
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<td>Projected Employment 2020</td>
<td>108,300</td>
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<td>Median Annual Wages</td>
<td>$86,410</td>
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### Projected Change from 2010-2020

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<th>Percentage Jobs</th>
<th>30%</th>
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<td>24,700</td>
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## Physician Assistant Schools

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<th>Total</th>
<th>US</th>
<th>North Carolina</th>
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<tr>
<td>Licensed Physician Assistants</td>
<td>83,466</td>
<td>4,040</td>
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<td>Accredited Physician Assistant Schools</td>
<td>181</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>Distant Campus</td>
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<td>Developing Programs</td>
<td>74</td>
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<td>Approximate number of PA Schools 2016</td>
<td>255</td>
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Growth of Physician Assistant Schools

Accredited Programs 1991 - 10/01/2013
Distribution of Physician Assistant Schools in North Carolina
Why Another PA School?

- Shortage of Healthcare Providers especially in North Carolina
- Index of Medically Underserved (IMU) Scores
  - Ratio of PCP per 1000 population
  - Infant mortality
  - % of pop with income below poverty level
  - % population age 65 and over
- Scores less than 62 are rated medically underserved areas.
Medically Underserved Areas of North Carolina

HRSA - U.S Department of Health and Human Services
www.hrsa.gov/index.html
Stages of Development -

- **Stage 1:**
  Feasibility Study

- **Stage 2:**
  Preparation for the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARCPA) Site Visit

- **Stage 3:**
  Provisional Accreditation Review Process
Feasibility Study

Stage 1

Written Report with supporting evidence of:

• Internal Support
• External Support
• Market Demand
• Availability of Sites for supervised clinical practice experiences
Stage 2
Preparation for ARCPA Site Visit

- Development of a Mission Statement
  - Unique
  - Aligned with Institutional Mission Statement
- Establishment of an Advisory Board
- Curriculum Aligned with the ARCPA Standards
Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA)

September 29th – 30th 2014

The provisional accreditation process begins with a thorough review of the planning, organization, and proposed content of a program.
Provisional Accreditation Review Process

Stage 3
Provisional Accreditation Review Process

First Class Projected to Begin – Summer 2015

Accreditation-Provisional" is an accreditation status granted for a limited, defined period of time to a new program that has demonstrated its preparedness to initiate a program in accordance with the Standards.
Provisional Accreditation Review Process

- **Initial provisional visits** are scheduled six to 12 months prior to the matriculation of students.
- **Provisional monitoring visits** are scheduled within six months of graduation of the first cohort of students.
- **Final provisional visits** are scheduled to occur 18-24 months following the second provisional review and accreditation action by the commission.
How Can You Help?

- Clinical Rotation Sites
- Clinical Preceptors
- Advisory Board
- Guest Lecturers
Clinical Rotation Sites Needed

- Family Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- OB/GYN
- Pediatrics
- General Surgery
- Emergency Medicine
- Psychiatry
- Electives
FAQ

• When will the program start?
• What are the Prerequisites?
• When will Admissions Begin?
• How do I apply?
• How much volunteering service hours do I need?
• Do I need to shadow a PA?
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