

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**Salary:**  
\$35,000

**Benefits:**  
Three weeks paid vacation, PA's are eligible to join Beneflex Bassett's flexible benefits plan.

**Housing:**  
Assistance available in finding local housing.

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# Multispecialty Surgical Physician Assistant Postgraduate Training Program



## GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

This program was developed in 2005 by Surgical Physician Assistants in multiple subspecialties to train PA's in surgery to have a well-rounded background in general and specialty areas of surgery. The program is run by Physician Assistants and attending physicians at Bassett Healthcare including a regional network of four hospitals and 21 community health centers serving an eight county region in central New York. PA's spend most of their time in Cooperstown, New York at The Mary Imogene Bassett hospital, a 180-bed acute care, and inpatient teaching facility. Bassett has physician residencies in General Surgery, Primary Care, Internal Medicine, Osteopathy, Transitional Year and Pharmacy.



Currently 16 Physician Assistants practice within the Department of Surgery including all of the subspecialties. The post graduate training program is a 12 month duration with didactic and clinical portions ongoing throughout the year. PA's will participate in grand rounds, Surgical Case presentation, surgical subspecialty conference, Surgeon-in-Chief rounds Morbidity and Mortality conference, Trauma conference and complete selected readings and/or attend conferences specific to each subspecialty rotation. The PA will be encouraged to be a self-motivated, lifelong learner. PA's rotate through General Surgery, Emergency Medicine, ICU/Cardiac surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Neurosurgery, Urology, Gynecology, Otolaryngology, and Rural Surgery. They will have the opportunity to select one or two electives to complete during the last 8 weeks of the program. PA's should plan to work 50



hours a week plus one night of call every other week. They will have 3 weeks vacation.

Cooperstown is the home of the beautiful Glimmerglass Lake and State Park and the National Baseball Hall of Fame. The surrounding countryside offers unlimited opportunity for biking, hiking and backpacking, picnics, boating, fishing, swimming, golf and much more. The community's Clark Sports Center has state-of-the-art recreational and fitness facilities.

## ADMISSIONS PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

Two PA's are selected each year. Our goal is to accept individuals with specific surgical career goals.

### **Applications:**

Must be submitted by April 1st for September start date and by August 1st for January start date. Interviews are conducted in May and September. Acceptance will be in June and October.

### **Program Start Date:**

Early September or early January

### **Entry requirements:**

Applicants must be graduates of an ARC-PA approved program, NCCPA Board Certified, eligible for NYS license or current license

Completed application to include three reference forms, CV, personal statement, official transcripts from college and PA school, copies of BLS and ACLS or other certification.