

NEWSLETTER

CMU BECHTEL PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM



New Faculty

The PA program is happy to have Kelsey join as a Assistant Professor

About Kelsey:

B.S. in Biology, minor in Chemistry & Spanish (Abilene Christian Univeristy)

M.S. in Physician Assitant Studies (Baylor College of Medicine)

New to Academia; enjoys running, biking, skiing, and traveling

Specialty:
Orthopedic Surgery



Kelsey Chrane MS, PC-A

END OF FISCAL YEAR RECAP

This past May, we celebrated another successful graduating class while also welcoming a new cohort at the start of the spring semester, continuing our tradition of filling all 28 seats in the program.

The Physician Assistant (PA) Program is proud to announce that the Class of 2026 achieved a 100% first-time pass rate on the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE), continuing Colorado Mesa University's tradition of outstanding graduate program success.

Last month, the Class of 2027 began their first clinical rotations, where they will continue gaining

valuable hands-on experience over the next 9 months before graduating next May.

The PA Program also welcomed a new faculty member, Kelsey Chrane, who joined the department on June 1. In addition, the program is actively searching for another faculty member to help educate and mentor future physician assistants. Stay tuned for the end of the year newsletter with more updates to come.

Interested in Guest Lecturing?
Contact: Kate Wender
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THANK YOU PRECEPTORS!

Clinical Education Team

Thank you to all of our dedicated preceptors for another successful year of mentoring our students during their clinical rotations. Your commitment to teaching, guidance, and patient care plays a vital role in preparing the next generation of physician assistants. We are truly grateful for your partnership and for sharing your knowledge, expertise, and experience with our students.

Based on student feedback, here are a few practices that had the most meaningful impact on their clinical learning experience:

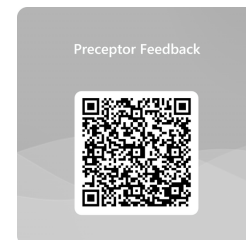
- **Open Communication:** Establishing clear expectations before the rotation begins and maintaining open communication throughout the experience helps students feel supported and promotes a positive learning environment.
- **Practice Questions:** Asking clinical questions throughout the day keeps students engaged, encourages critical thinking, and reinforces clinical knowledge.
- **Hands-On Experience:** When appropriate, allowing students to participate in patient care helps build confidence, strengthen

clinical skills, and develop effective interpersonal communication.

- **Constructive Feedback:** Regular, timely feedback is one of the most valuable tools for student growth. Thoughtful guidance helps students identify strengths, improve areas of weakness, and continue developing into competent, compassionate healthcare providers.

Thank you again for investing your time and expertise in the education of our future physician assistants. Your mentorship makes a lasting difference.

Brittany Fridal



We'd love your feedback!
Fill out our 2 minute survey so our Clinical Team can learn how to support you.

Distinguished Clinical Site & Preceptors of the Year Award goes to...

Colorado West Otolaryngologists



COLBY CRAWFORD, PA-C



SCOTT HALL, PA-C



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