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**University of Saint Joseph Physician Assistant Graduates Earn 100%
Pass Rate Third Year in a Row**

(West Hartford, Conn.) July 12, 2021 - Congratulations are in order for the University of Saint Joseph Physician Assistant Studies M.S. program. The 37 graduates from May 2021 earned a 100 percent first-time pass rate on the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE).

Certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) is mandated for graduates of physician assistant programs in order to practice the profession and obtain initial licensure in the United States.

Since the program's inception in January 2017, graduates of our 28-month PA program have consistently ranked above the national pass rate average, with each graduating class earning a 100% first-time pass rate. Earlier this year, the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) granted Accreditation-Continued status to the University of Saint Joseph Physician Assistant Program, an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA Standards.

"The USJ PA Studies students, faculty and staff are very proud of this achievement, particularly in a year challenged by a pandemic," says Tricia Marriott, PA-C, MPAS, MJ Health Law, CHC, DFAAPA, Director & Chair, PA Studies Program, School of Pharmacy and PA Studies. "Their flexibility, focus, perseverance, and commitment to excellence will certainly serve future patients and our community well, as the newly-minted PAs join the healthcare workforce."

Learn more about USJ's [Physician Assistant Studies program](#).

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