



Job Situation

In health care settings often in dangerous situations. They work alongside physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners and other members of the inter-professional health care team.

Weekly Hours of Work

37.5

Overtime

0

Monthly Salary

\$6,000

Student Loan – Owing

0

Student Loan – Monthly Payment

0

Duties

Conduct patient interviews. Perform physical examinations. Perform limited medical procedures. Counsel on preventive health care

Prospects

General Practitioners and Physicians. Practitioners of Natural Healing. Specialist Physicians.

Job Title

Physician Assistant

National Occupational Classification (NOC)

3414

Job Description

Working for the military does have its advantages. You could see the world depending on where your mission takes you and how long you are stationed at one location for. You work under the supervision of one of the physicians but you do not feel limited in what you are capable of doing.

Your day can change dramatically depending on what is happening at the base you are stationed at. The first patient has arrived and it is your responsibility to take a medical history and give a complete examination. One patient has come in with what appears to be a fracture of the femur to the left leg. You send them down to x-ray to make sure and move to the next patient while you wait for the x-ray to come back.

This next patient is here for a routine checkup which you handle with ease. The physician you are working under is never concerned with leaving you alone to do these jobs. He knows you are well trained and have lots of experience. He is always impressed with your ability to judge situations quickly and effectively. Your first patient comes back and you were right about the fracture. You determine it is bad enough to need a cast and send him to go get plastered up.

One patient comes in with an emergency! They have cut themselves deep enough to need stitches. Quickly assessing the damage you clean the wound then stitch them up. After that the physician and you talk about your preliminary diagnosis for one of the patients. He gives you a slap on the back and a job well done. Although you aren't a doctor hearing the patients call you 'doc' is very rewarding.