

# PARTNERS IN HEALTH CARE

## PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Providing team based healthcare focused on our patients and their families

### OUR MIDLEVEL PROVIDERS

Physician Assistants (PAs) and Nurse Practitioners (CRNPs) are healthcare professionals who work in collaboration with the physician to help improve care coordination and positive patient outcomes.

### PHYSICIANS ASSISTANTS

#### Education:

The PA Educational Programs are modeled on medical school curriculum—a combination of classroom and clinical instruction. Due to the structure in training, PAs share similarities diagnostic and therapeutic reasoning with the physician. In addition to the 27 months of education—PAs also complete more than 2000 hours of clinical rotations with an emphasis on primary care in ambulatory settings as well as both acute and long term care facilities. In order to maintain national certification, PAs are required to complete 100 hours of continuing medical education every two years.



### NURSE PRACTITIONERS

#### Education:

A Nurse Practitioner is a registered nurse (RN) who has completed advanced coursework and clinical rotations as well as an advanced degree (Masters level). The focus of this model is designed to provide holistic and preventive care while engaging the patient and family. CRNP's are also required to complete 30 continuing education units every two years to maintain their active RN license—as well as 150 hours every five years—half of that is focused in pharmacology.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- ❖ Providing care for patients in acute and chronic settings
- ❖ Physical Exams
- ❖ Compiling Medical History
- ❖ Ordering and Interpreting Diagnostic testing
- ❖ Performing minor procedures
- ❖ Develop and Monitor Treatment Plans
- ❖ Prescribing Medication
- ❖ Counseling patients on preventative care and risk management
- ❖ Requesting Occupational/Physical Therapy