Physician Assistant Psychiatry Training Program
The Pine Rest PA Psychiatry Training Program is one of the first of its kind in the country. Our model provides one year of on-the-job training for physician assistants to develop the skills to work closely with our psychiatrists in an outpatient mental health setting followed by full-time employment as a psychiatric PA. This closely supervised and hands on training will be essential in preparing PAs to provide the highest quality psychiatric care to their patients upon completion.

Program participants will help Pine Rest meet the growing mental health need in Central Iowa, improving access to services and reducing wait times for community members.

Started in 2017, the program accepts two participants each year and will enroll them on an ongoing basis.
Program Details

Pine Rest accepts graduates of accredited PA programs or practicing PAs looking for a career change.

Phase 1
The PA Psychiatry Training Program combines both didactics and on-the-job training in an outpatient mental health setting. Each PA is provided with the necessary practical experience and CME credits to sit for the CAQ psychiatry specialty exam at the end of the 12 months.

Phase 2
Upon completion of the training program, individuals will begin working independently as a psychiatric PA within a variety of outpatient mental health settings (child and adolescent, adult and/or geriatric). Each PA will work in collaboration with a supervising psychiatrist under a Delegation Agreement. This position is responsible for providing initial psychiatric assessments, medication management and giving referrals and advocacy services for patients. Other responsibilities include upholding the highest quality care and keeping up with all best practices, standards and bylaws set by government agencies as well as Pine Rest. Additional responsibilities as designated by department or group.
Program Requirements

• Must be licensed or license-eligible in the State of Iowa to practice as a Physician Assistant.

• Candidates must display a strong interest and aptitude for the practice of psychiatry.

This position offers a competitive salary with a generous benefit package.

To Learn More

1. Web: PineRest.org/PATraining
2. Email: Trisha.Fite@PineRest.org
3. Call: 800.678.5500 ext. 2113
About Pine Rest

The Pine Rest Pella Clinic provides an ideal environment to grow and develop your practice. While located in Central Iowa, the clinic is networked with Pine Rest’s extensive inpatient, partial and outpatient services in Michigan. This unique juxtaposition combines operating autonomously with collaborative opportunities.

- Close team collaboration
- Staff committed to providing best practice behavioral health services with professional excellence, Christian integrity and compassion
- Limited after-hours call responsibilities
- Pella Clinic is a National Health Services Corps site