



**Coastal Medical**

*Lifespan. Delivering health with care.®*

## *The Importance of Coastal's Advanced Practitioners (APs)*

Coastal's advanced practitioners, which consist of nurse practitioners and physician assistants, are essential to provide patients with comprehensive, high-quality and team-based primary care. Their knowledge and professional training are critical to Coastal's ability to meet the needs of our patients.

The extensive training and credentialing advanced practitioners undergo is just one of the reasons to feel at ease in their care. APs also possess a unique skillset and background that physicians trust with their own patients' well-being. Advanced practitioners and physicians work together to meet patients' healthcare needs. Additionally, advanced practitioners will often see patients to provide access to necessary medical care that may have not been available if they weren't part of the care team.

### Vital to Coastal's care team, Advanced Practitioners:

- Enhance access to timely, high-quality care
- Diagnose & treat chronic/acute conditions
- Prescribe medications for patients as needed
- Build strong relationships between providers and patients

## **What Coastal patients say about our APs**

"I feel very lucky to have found [my Advanced Practitioner]. She listened to each and every concern I had about my health... I highly recommend seeing her. [It's an] added bonus that Coastal has a great network of [providers] in one office that can consult together during your appointment if needed."

"I have been going to [my Advanced Practitioner] for years. She really cares about you. I have been to several doctors and [my Advanced Practitioner] knows me so well. I would highly recommend her. I'm so happy that my primary can be a Nurse Practitioner."

"I sincerely appreciate the time [my Advanced Practitioner] spends with me at my visits. I feel listened to and feel my health needs are met. I have always been able to get an appointment in a timely manner. I am so happy to be able to use this practice and have her as my [Physician Assistant]."

**Take advantage of the benefits of having an  
Advanced Practitioner in your Coastal office!**



# Training & Qualifications for Advanced Practitioners:

Nurse practitioners and physician assistants undergo extensive schooling and clinical training before they can start caring for patients on their own. As you can see from the educational requirements below, our advanced practitioners are certainly qualified to care for the many needs of our patients.



## Nurse Practitioner Requirements:

- Earn Master's degree or doctoral program
- Receive advanced clinical training beyond the initial professional registered nurse preparation
- Enter practice with 6-plus years of post-secondary education and clinical preparation
- Undergo rigorous national certification process
- Adhere to a code of ethical practices
- Earn license in all 50 states, and the District of Columbia



## Physician Assistant Requirements:

- Complete education in accredited graduate-level Physician Assistant programs
- Receive training in medical and behavioral sciences
- Do rotations in internal medicine, family medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, emergency medicine and geriatric medicine.
- Undergo rigorous national certification exam on diagnosing and treating complex medical issues
- Pass a recertification exam every 6-10 years
- Earn license in all 50 states, and the District of Columbia

**Use our Advanced Practitioners' expertise to help reach your healthcare goals!**

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