Cornell University
Weill Medical College
Physician Assistant Program
A Surgical Focus
“Leading the Way in PA Education Since 1973”
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WEILL CORNELL PA PROGRAM FAST FACTS:
1. One of the oldest PA Programs in the country, established in 1973
   The Program is 26 months in length. Ten months are classroom & lab-oriented.
   Sixteen months are hospital or clinic based rotations.
2. One of only two PA Programs in the nation that have surgical focus built into our
   general medical curriculum.
3. Affiliated with the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital & Healthcare System,
   Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and Hospital for Special Surgery, and others
   which are consistently rated the top hospitals in their field.
4. Admission to our PA Program is very competitive! Plan early.
5. Our alumni are in great demand throughout the nation. Most students have jobs well
   before graduation.
6. Our application window is open May 1 through December 1. Classes begin in late
   August of each year.
7. In 2006, the PA Program moved to a new, larger, state of the art educational facility,
   uniquely designed for PA Education.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROFESSION FAST FACTS:
1. Physician Assistants hold a license to practice medicine, with a physician’s supervision.
   The supervision can be at a distance. PA’s are able to perform many of the routine
   duties of the physician.
2. In the 2004, the US Department of Labor rated the PA Profession as the THIRD FASTEST
   growing profession in the country over the next ten years. In 2006 Money.com rated
   the PA Profession as the fifth fastest growing career.
3. The fastest area of growth in the PA Profession is in the surgical field. PA’s with surgical
   training are in great demand: there are more jobs available than graduates to fill them.

WHERE TO LEARN MORE:
1. Attend a Cornell PA Program Applicant Advisory Session. E-mail
   gtsimons@med.cornell.edu for more information.
2. Visit the following websites:
   Cornell’s PA Program
   www.med.cornell.edu/pa
   American Association of Surgical PA’s:
   www.aaspa.com
   CASPA (application service)
   www.caspaonline.org