



**Student Representative: Emily Cohea, PA-S**

Emily Cohea is a second-year physician assistant (PA) student at Wake Forest School of Medicine who will be graduating in May 2023. Prior to PA school, Emily spent 13 years in various roles within the medical device industry where she learned the intricacies of medical devices and software systems, guided patients through the complexity of medical insurance requirements, built cross-functional relationships, and navigated the challenges of managing direct-to-patient inventory. To supplement her undergraduate degrees in Marketing and International Business from Iowa State University, she completed a graduate certificate in the Business of Health from the University of Texas – San Antonio and is currently pursuing a certificate in Medical Education through Wake Forest School of Medicine. In the future she aspires to be a trusted partner to her patients and medical team while combining her interests in medicine, technology, advocacy, and medical education.

Emily's current professional involvement includes being an elected Student House of Delegate Representative for the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA), a student representative for the Appalachian Association of Physician Assistants (AppAPA) and the Academy of Physician Assistants in Legal Medicine (APALM), as well as a member of other local, state, and specialty-specific PA organizations. Outside of her educational and professional endeavors, Emily enjoys volunteering at the Delivering Equal Access to Care (DEAC) foot and ankle clinic in Winston-Salem, getting her exercise in with the dogs at the Watauga Humane Society in Boone, NC, and following NCAA women's gymnastics.