



# Physician Assistants: Transforming Healthcare

# Scope of Practice



- Take patient histories
- Perform physical exams
- Diagnose & treat illness
- Write prescriptions



- Order & interpret lab/radiology tests
- Perform procedures



- Assist in surgery
- Counsel patients on preventive health

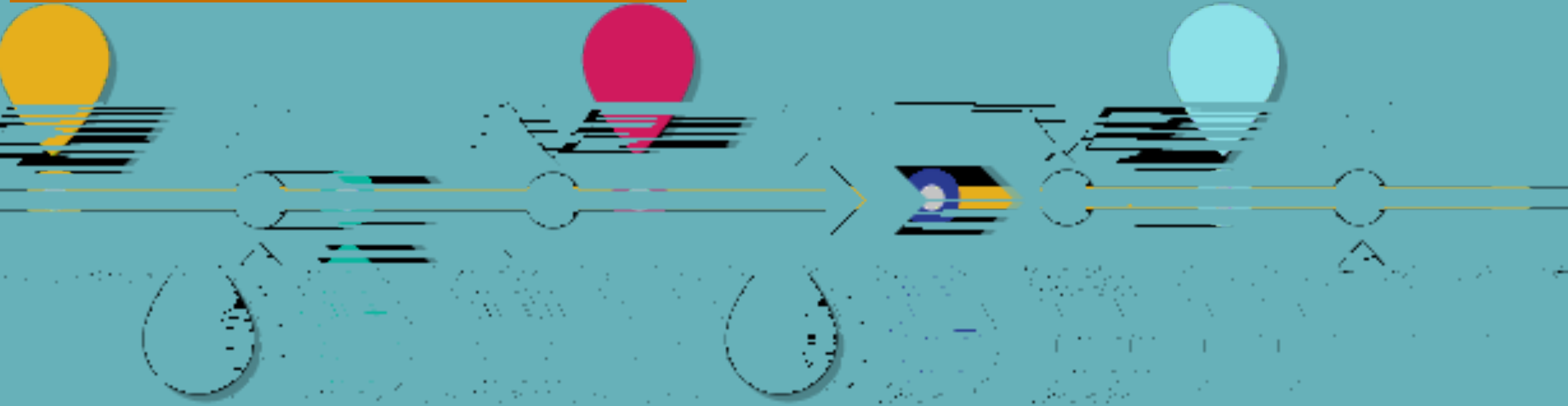




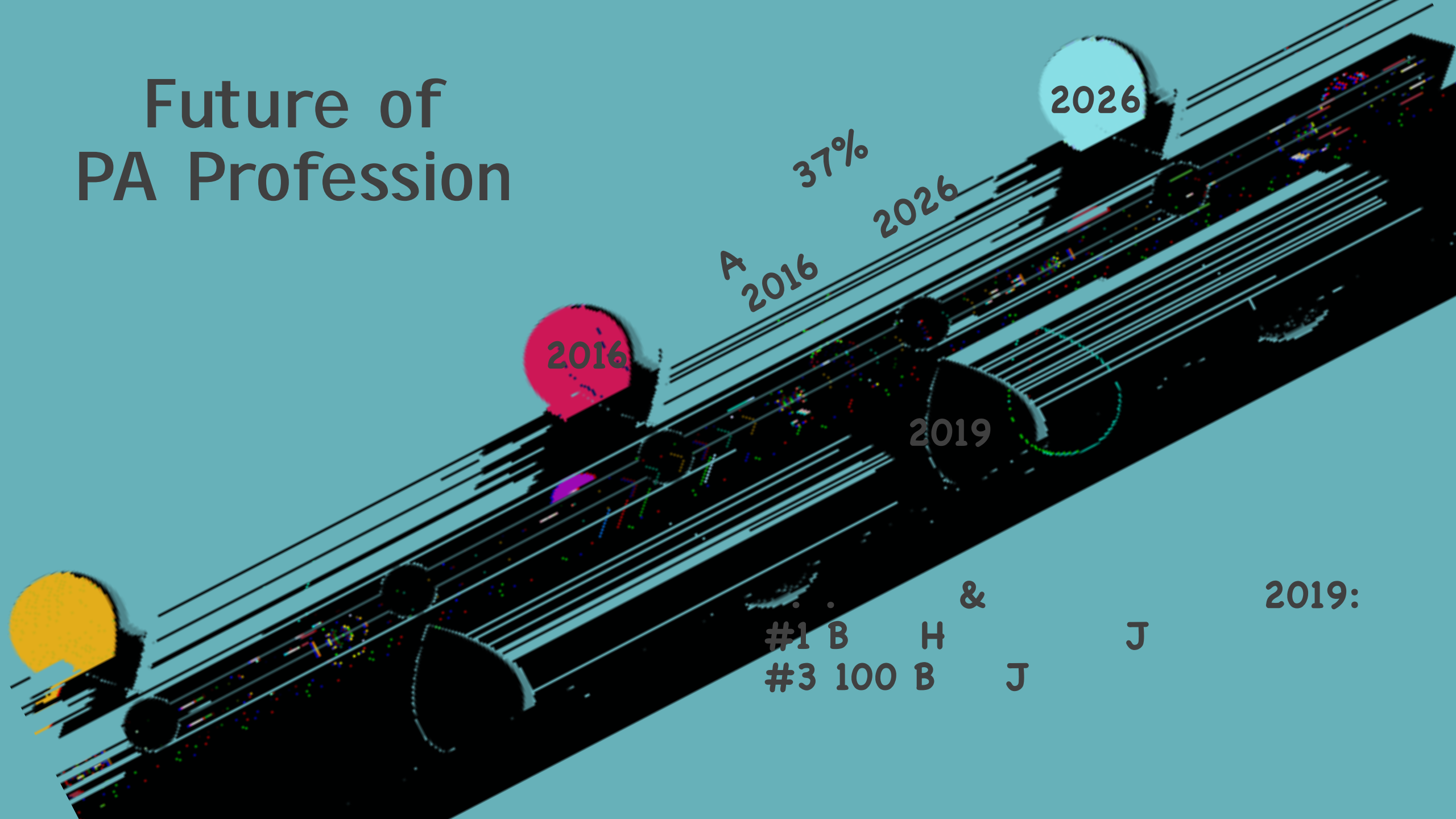


# History of PA Profession

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# Future of PA Profession



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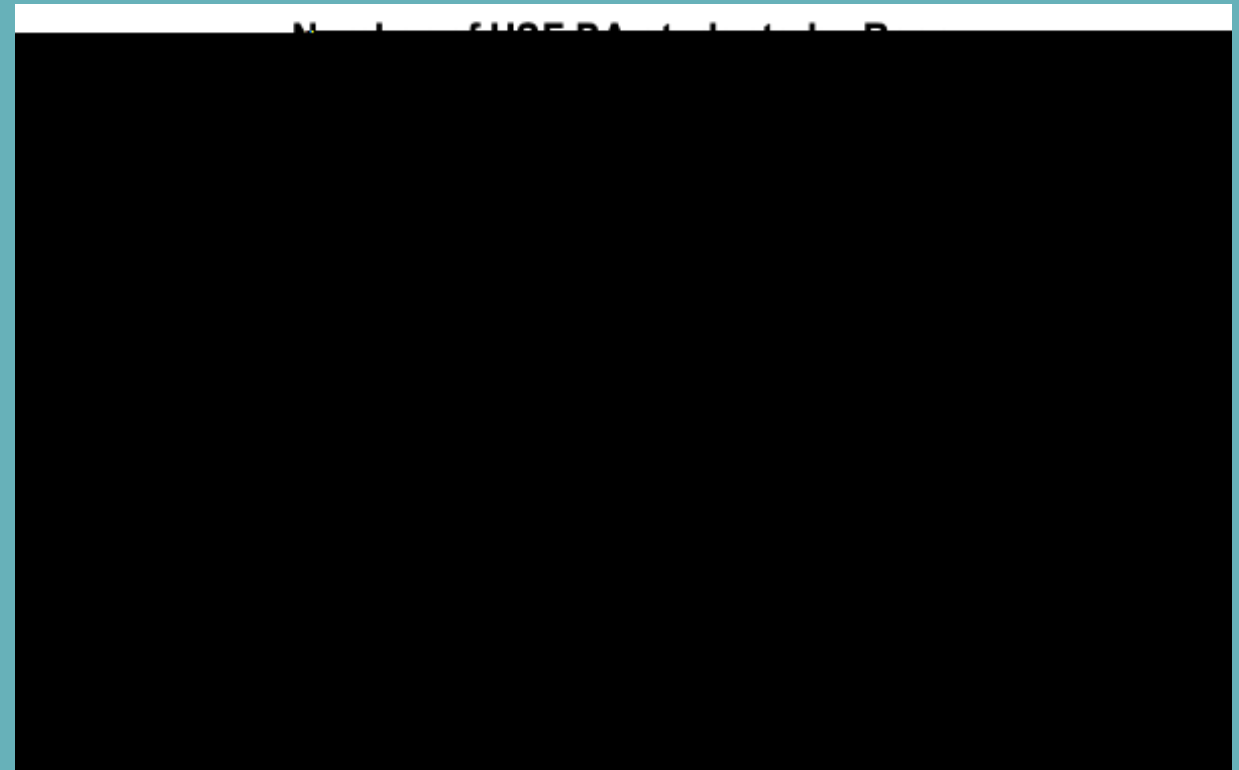
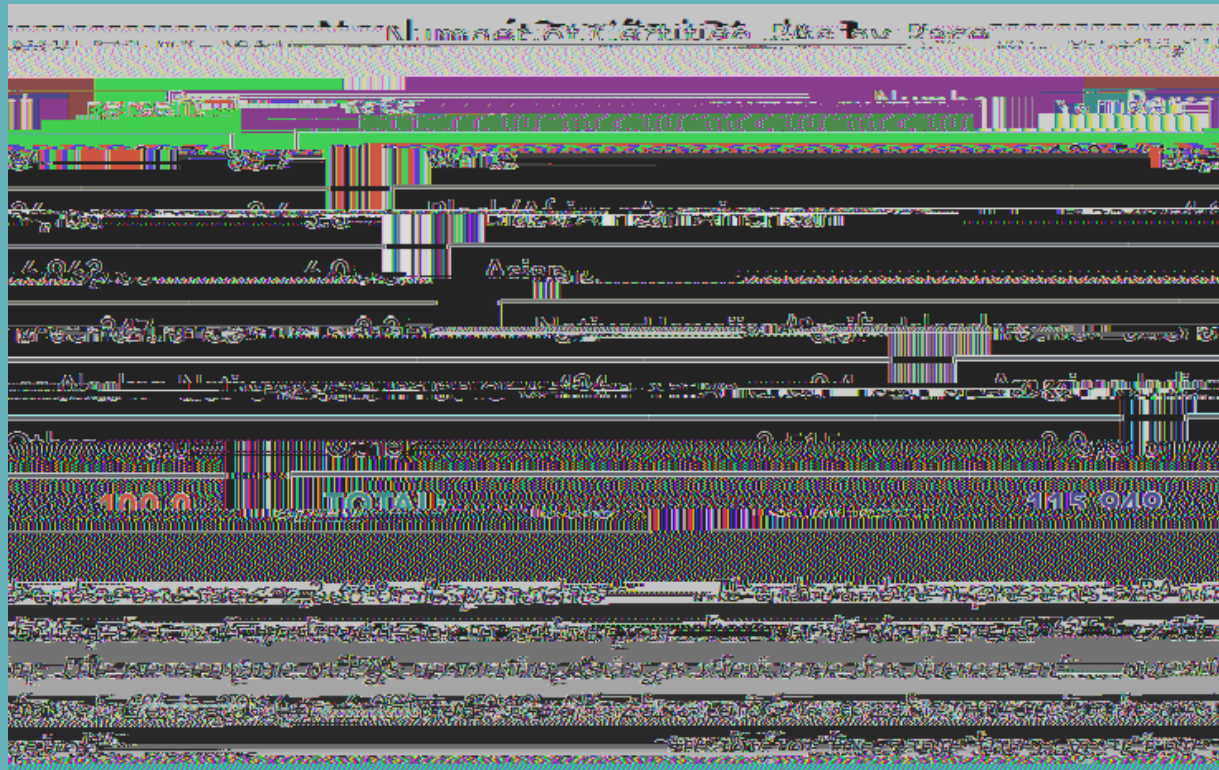
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# Creating Diversity in Healthcare

National PA diversity

PA student diversity



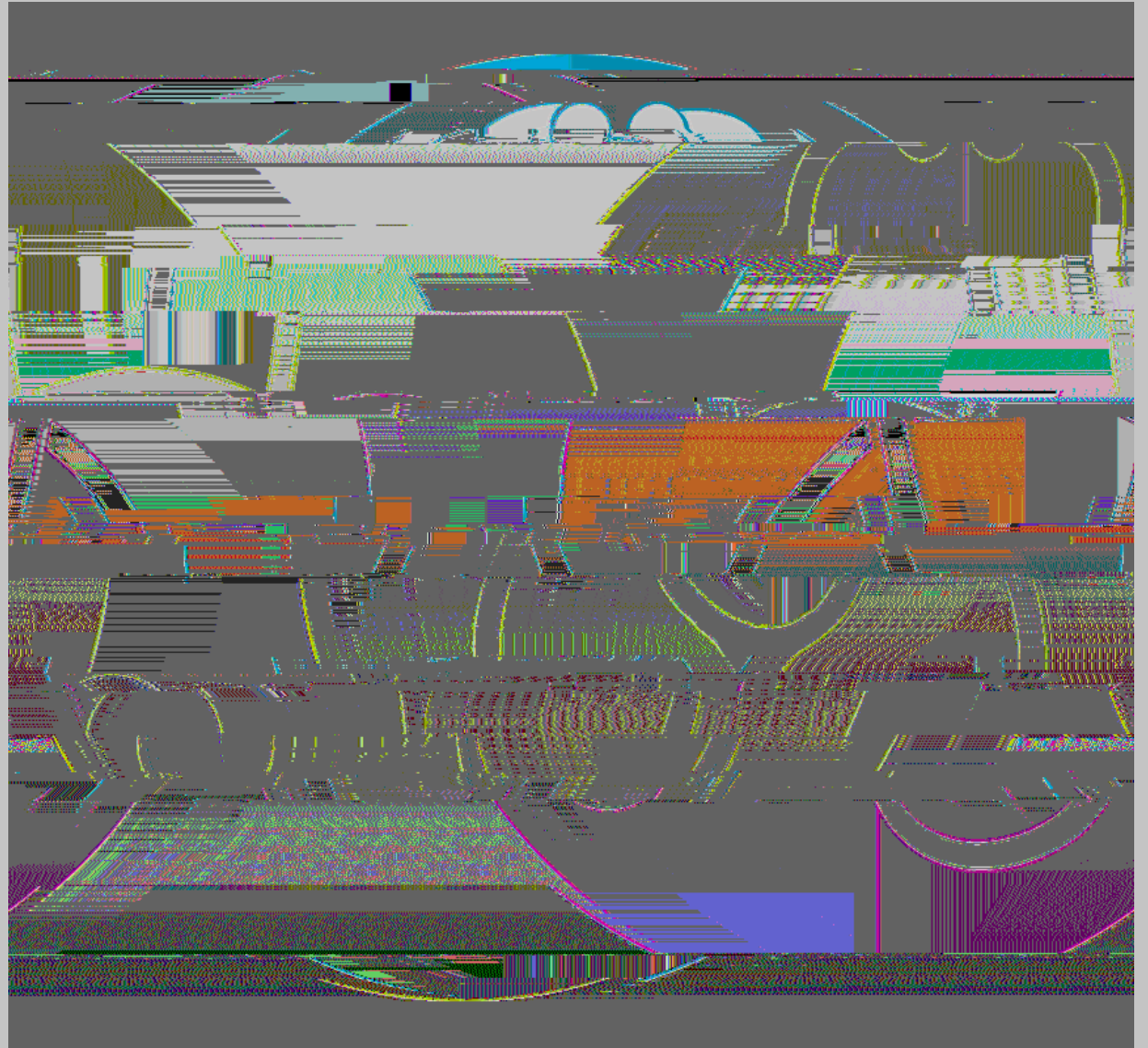


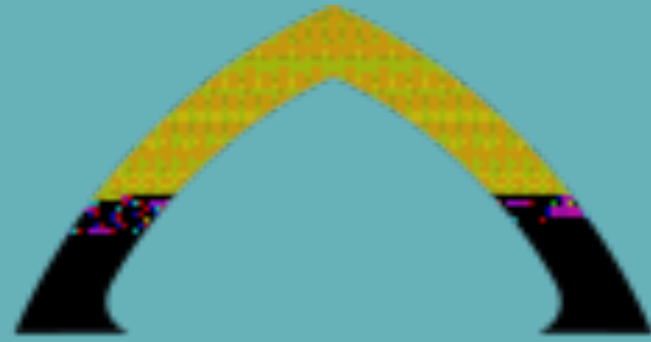
# Track to Becoming a Physician Assistant

- Earn undergraduate degree
  - Most common: biology, chemistry, nursing, exercise science, kinesiology, nutrition, psychology, genetics
- Complete PA program prerequisites
  - Most common: basic biology, anatomy, physiology,

# What does PA school entail?

- 24-36month program based on didactic lectures and clinical rotations
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- Didactic portion
    - Structure and courses vary among program
    - Common courses: anatomy, physiology, clinical assessment based on multiple organ systems, cadaver lab, in depth studies of diseases of organ systems, pharmacology, genetics, ethics, behavioral sciences
  - Clinical portion
    - 2,000+ hours of clinical rotations in medical and surgical settings, including family medicine, internal medicine, OB/GYN, pediatrics, general surgery, emergency medicine, and psychiatry

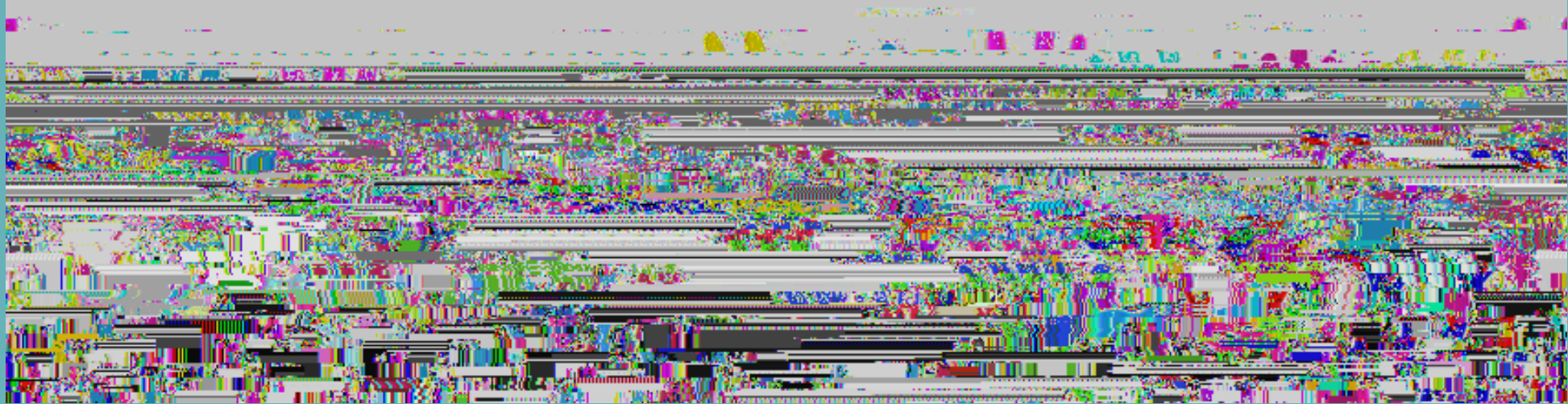




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# Links to look into

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- [yourpacan.org](http://yourpacan.org)
- [pafocus.org](http://pafocus.org)
- [directory.paeaonline.org](http://directory.paeaonline.org)