

## **Amanda Harmon – Physician Assistant**

Hi, I'm Amanda Harmon I'm a student in the physician assistant program in the College of Health Professions at MUSC. I chose to come to MUSC for the physician assistant program because Charleston is my home it is where I grew up, and after going to school in the upstate, I wanted to come back to where my family is and where my friends are. I love the beach and just enjoy this city a lot. It's beautiful. I really enjoy the College of Health Professions because here I feel like I am not just another face in the crowd; I'm not just a number. I feel like I know my professors and they know who I am, and, I am able to talk to them and have that interaction. I feel like when I walk around campus, people know who I am, and that means a lot to me. I went to a small high school and a small college and that personal feel is what attracted me to both of those and again to the College of Health Professions. I have also been very impressed with the technology that the College of Health Professions has; we have the smart boards, we have laptop computers where we are able to load our PowerPoint presentations and all of our notes, and information for classes is all there. That is a big change for me from undergrad. So, I enjoy being able to be up to par with what's going on in technology. And I feel like our college is as well. I chose to be a physician assistant because I love medicine. I wanted to be involved in medicine but I also wanted to have a family and pursue other things in life that I enjoy, and I feel like being a physician assistant is a career that is growing and advancing and it is being held in high regard, and I like that. I like that we are being trained very well for what we are going to do, and even meeting students from other PA programs around the whole nation at a recent conference. I got to see that what we are learning to do is up to par with what they are learning. That is very impressive and good to know. I am excited about being a physician assistant. I think it is going to be a good career.