

MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Master of Medical Science Physician Assistant degree is offered by the School of Medicine. The mission of the program is to educate competent, compassionate, and culturally-aware Physician Assistants who are prepared to meet the healthcare needs of our community. Graduates will advance the Physician Assistant profession through clinical excellence, service, and dedication to professional stewardship.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from this program will:

- Demonstrate competency in interpersonal and communication skills
- Demonstrate competency in medical knowledge
- Demonstrate competency in professionalism
- Demonstrate competency in practice-based learning and improvement
- Demonstrate competency in systems-based practice
- Demonstrate competency in interprofessional collaborative practice
- Demonstrate competency in social, cultural, and community contexts of health care
- Demonstrate competency in patient care

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To complete the program graduate students must complete a 7-semester program of study. Within the program of study, successful students earn 129.5 credit hours, which includes 48 credit hours (12 months) comprised of clinical rotation experiences. Students must pass a summative evaluation during semester 7. Students must also maintain a 3.0 or better grade point average to receive the Master of Medical Science Physician Assistant degree.

Required Courses Include:

Code	Title	Credits
Year 1 Spring Semester (21 credit hours)		
MEDPA 5501	Anatomy for the Physician Assistant	3
MEDPA 5502	Foundations in Basic Medical Science	4
MEDPA 5504	Ethics, Law and Policy	1
MEDPA 5505	Clinical Assessment for the PA	2
MEDPA 5511	Clinical Practicum I	1
MEDPA 5521	PA Professions I	1
MEDPA 5531	Science and Practice of Medicine I	9
Year 1 Summer Semester (14 credit hours)		
MEDPA 5512	Clinical Practicum II	1
MEDPA 5522	PA Professions II	1
MEDPA 5532	Science and Practice of Medicine II	12
Year 1 Fall Semester (22 credit hours)		
MEDPA 5513	Clinical Practicum III	1
MEDPA 5523	PA Professions III	1
MEDPA 5533	Science and Practice of Medicine III	20
Year 2 Spring Semester (25 credit hours)		
MEDPA 5514	Clinical Practicum IV	1
MEDPA 5524	PA Professions IV	1
MEDPA 5534	Science and Practice of Medicine IV	19
MEDPA 5600	Clinical Rotation - May	4

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Year 2 Summer Semester (8.5 credit hours)		
MEDPA 5600	Clinical Rotation - June	4
MEDPA 5600	Clinical Rotation - July	4
MEDPA 5581	Professional Development for the PA	0.5

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Year 2 Fall Semester (20.5 credit hours)		
MEDPA 5600	Clinical Rotation - August	4
MEDPA 5600	Clinical Rotation - September	4
MEDPA 5600	Clinical Rotation - October	4
MEDPA 5600	Clinical Rotation - November	4
MEDPA 5600	Clinical Rotation - December	4
MEDPA 5581	Professional Development for the PA	0.5

Code	Title	Credits
Year 3 Spring Semester (18.5 credit hours)		
MEDPA 5600	Clinical Rotation - January	4
MEDPA 5600	Clinical Rotation - February	4
MEDPA 5600	Clinical Rotation - March	4
MEDPA 5600	Clinical Rotation - April	4
MEDPA 5580	Senior Seminar	1
MEDPA 5581	Professional Development for the PA	0.5
MEDPA 5595	Capstone	1

MEDPA 5600s are a series of required and elective clinical rotations. Required clinical rotations include Family Medicine, Adult Internal Medicine, Women's Health, Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, Surgery, Behavioral Medicine, and Geriatrics. Student schedules are supplemented with additional 2 to 4 week elective rotations.

Admission Requirements

Please visit our Admissions Page (<https://med.umkc.edu/pa/>) to learn about our requirements.

Licensure Disclosure

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Individuals need to get licensed in the state(s) in which they want to practice. All states require that PAs graduate from an accredited PA program and pass the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE).

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States in Which the Curriculum Meets the Educational Requirements for Licensure

All US States and USVI.

States in Which the Curriculum Does Not Meet the Educational Requirements for Licensure

N/A.