

Master of Physician Assistant Studies, M.P.A.S.

The UVU PA Program is a full-time, 28-month, year-round graduate program, consisting of 95 credit hours completed over 7 semesters. The curriculum structure is specially designed to prepare students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to become competent PAs who demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that result in more effective and compassionate patient care. All MPAS didactic courses are offered and must be fulfilled on location at UVU west campus. There are no provisions for substituting or waiving program courses.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Acceptance into the UVU Physician Assistant Program.

Acceptance is determined through a competitive application process. Contact the Director of Admissions or reference the UVU Physician Assistant Program website for current cohort information. Successful applicants are awarded a seat in a specific cohort.

2. Completion of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning in the United States or Canada prior to application submission.

3. Prerequisite coursework must be completed prior to application submission.

Courses must have a letter grade of a C or better. AP/CLEP courses are not accepted toward any of the prerequisite courses.

PREREQUISITE COURSES

a. Human Anatomy with Lab: 4 semester hours required, completed within seven years of the application deadline.

b. Human Physiology with Lab: 4 semester hours required, completed within seven years of the application deadline.

c. Chemistry with Lab: 8 semester hours required

d. Biology with Lab: 4 semester hours required

e. Microbiology with Lab: 4 semester hours required

f. Statistics: 3 semester hours required

4. A minimum of 2,000 hours of direct patient care is required for application consideration.

5. Complete the UVU Graduate Studies Application and pay the required application fee.

6. English Language Proficiency (TOEFL) scores will be required for all students whose native language is not English.

7. Complete an interview day with the program.

Interviews will be offered to top candidates who meet or exceed admissions criteria and have received a recommendation for an interview following the admissions committee screening process. A final cohort of students will be selected from interviewed candidates.

8. Students who are accepted into the program must pay a non-refundable seat deposit by the required deadline.

9. Immunizations and Health Requirements

Students are required to have up to date immunizations and TB testing based on current Center for Disease Control recommendation and Utah state guidelines. Students must have a health clearance form completed by a qualified medical provider verifying the ability to perform the essential functions of a physician assistant (see technical standard requirements in the student handbook). Provide proof of current health insurance coverage.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours		95
Discipline Core Requirements		95 Credits
PAS 6701	Human Anatomy for the Physician Assistant I	1
PAS 6702	Human Anatomy for the Physician Assistant II	1
PAS 6703	Human Anatomy for the Physician Assistant III	1
PAS 6711	Physiology/Pathophysiology for the Physician Assistant I	2
PAS 6712	Physiology/Pathophysiology for the Physician Assistant II	2

PAS 6713	Physiology/Pathophysiology for the Physician Assistant III	2
PAS 6721	Clinical Medicine I	3
PAS 6722	Clinical Medicine II	3
PAS 6723	Clinical Medicine III	3
PAS 6724	Clinical Medicine IV	1
PAS 6731	Pharmacology/Pharmacotherapy for the Physician Assistant I	3
PAS 6732	Pharmacology/Pharmacotherapy for the Physician Assistant II	3
PAS 6733	Pharmacology/Pharmacotherapy for the Physician Assistant III	3
PAS 6734	Pharmacology/Pharmacotherapy for the Physician Assistant IV	3
PAS 6741	Clinical Skills I	4
PAS 6742	Clinical Skills II	3
PAS 6743	Clinical Skills III	3
PAS 6751	Clinical Decision Making I	1
PAS 6752	Clinical Decision Making II	1
PAS 6753	Clinical Decision Making III	1
PAS 6761	Behavioral Medicine	3
PAS 6762	Personal and Clinical Leadership	3
PAS 6771	Physician Assistant Profession	2
PAS 6772	Special Populations	3
PAS 6773	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
PAS 6774	Supplemental Topics in Medicine	1
PAS 6775	Health Care Delivery Systems and Medical Ethics	2
PAS 6776	Physician Assistant Practice	1
PAS 6781	Capstone I	1
PAS 6782	Capstone II	1
PAS 6783	Capstone III	1
PAS 6790	Clinical Rotation I	3
PAS 6791	Clinical Rotation II	3
PAS 6792	Clinical Rotation III	3
PAS 6793	Clinical Rotation IV	3
PAS 6794	Clinical Rotation V	3
PAS 6795	Clinical Rotation VI	3
PAS 6796	Clinical Rotation VII	3
PAS 6797	Clinical Rotation VIII	3
PAS 6798	Clinical Rotation IX	3
PAS 6799	Clinical Rotation X	3

Graduation Requirements

1. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 must be maintained within program.
2. 100% of the course credits required for the Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) degree must be completed at Utah Valley University. No transfer credits will be accepted.
3. Student must pass the PA Program Summative Exam with a grade of 80% or better in order to graduate. The Summative Exam is administered in the final semester of the PA Program.

Graduation Plan

This graduation plan is a sample plan and is intended to be a guide. Your specific plan may differ based on your Math and English placement and/or transfer credits applied. You are encouraged to meet with an advisor and set up an individualized graduation plan in Wolverine Track (<http://www.uvu.edu/wolverinetrack/>).

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate knowledge about established and evolving biomedical and clinical sciences and the application of this knowledge to patient care.
2. Demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that result in the effective exchange of information and collaboration with patients, their families, and health professionals.

3. Provide person-centered care that includes patient- and setting-specific assessment, evaluation, and management and healthcare that is evidence-based, supports patient safety, and advances health equity.
4. Demonstrate the ability to engage with a variety of other healthcare professionals in a manner that optimizes safe, effective, patient- and population-centered care
5. Demonstrate a commitment to practicing medicine in ethically and legally appropriate ways and emphasizing professional maturity and accountability for delivering safe and quality care to patients and populations.
6. Demonstrate the ability to learn and implement quality improvement practices by engaging in critical analysis of one's own practice experience, the medical literature, and other information resources for the purposes of self-evaluation, lifelong learning, and practice improvement.
7. Recognize and understand the influences of the ecosystem of person, family, population, environment, and policy on the health of patients and integrate knowledge of these determinants of health into patient care decisions.