

HEALTH SCIENCES (BS) & PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (MS) 4+2

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Program Description

The 4+2 Health Sciences to Physician Assistant program is designed for students who have determined they want to pursue a physician assistant career early. Students in this six-year dual degree program are assured a seat in the graduate MS Physician Assistant Studies program, provided they meet the progression criteria set for their enrollment term.

Prior to enrolling in the professional phase of the program, students must complete an online application through CASPA (Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants) by the stated deadline of the year prior to their desired master's enrollment date. All applicants who apply to CASPA, have a CASPA-calculated cumulative GPA and science GPA of 3.5, and at least 200 documented direct patient contact hours will receive an admissions interview.

Students will matriculate into the professional phase of study in the Physician Assistant program in the summer after earning the BS in Health Sciences. The six-year Health Sciences BS/Physician Assistant Studies MS Dual Degree program is a cohort program that requires uninterrupted enrollment. Once accepted, students may not accelerate (i.e. take additional courses during summer semesters to shorten program length) or decelerate (i.e. take a reduced course load in a semester and add another year to undergraduate study).

The graduate Physician Assistant Program requires a continuous 25 months of study and includes Didactic and Clinical portions. The Didactic year consists of three semesters of medically related classroom and laboratory work, integrating some clinical experiences. Students must successfully complete all Didactic courses before entering the Clinical year. The Clinical year consists of extensive clinical experience through nine 5-week rotations at a variety of medical facilities, including hospitals and medical offices.

Curriculum: 6 years

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Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
FYS 100	Pathways Seminar	1
WRIT 101	Writing Sem I: Written Comm.	3
MATH 102	Pre-Calculus	3
CHEM 103	Chemistry I	3
CHEM 103L	Chemistry I Lab	1
BIOL 103	Biology I	3

Course	Title	Credits
BIOL 103L	Biology I Lab	1
Credits		15
Spring		
HSCI 100	Intro to Health Professions	1
WRIT 201	Writing Seminar II: Multi Comm	3
AVIS 101	American Visions	3
CHEM 104	Chemistry II	3
CHEM 104L	Chemistry II Lab	1
BIOL 104	Biology II	3
BIOL 104L	Biology II Lab	1
Credits		15
Second Year		
Fall		
PSYC 101	Intro to Psychology	3
ADIV 2XX	American Diversity Placeholder	3
HSCI 3XX	Health Sci Elective	3
BIOL 201	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIOL 201L	Human Anat & Physiology I Lab	1
GDIV 2XX	Global Diversity Placeholder	3
Credits		16
Spring		
PSYC 213	Developmental Psychology	3
HSCI 230	Intro to Healthcare	2
ETHC 2XX	Ethics Course Placeholder	3
HSCI 3XX	Health Sci Elective	3
BIOL 202	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIOL 202L	Human Anat & Physiology II Lab	1
Credits		15
Third Year		
Fall		
CHEM 201	Organic Chemistry I	3
CHEM 201L	Organic Chemistry I Lab	1
ISEM 3XX	Integrative Sem Placeholder	3
HSCI 225	Applied Statistics	3
GCIT 2XX	Global Citizenship Placeholder	3
General Elective		3
Credits		16
Spring		
BIOL 207	Principles of Genetics	3
BIOL 207L	Principles of Genetics Lab	1
BIOL 221	Microbiology	3
BIOL 221L	Microbiology Lab	1
PSYC 201	Abnormal Psychology	3
General Elective		3
HSCI 320	Clinical Interactions	3
Credits		17
Fourth Year		
Fall		
CGIS 300	Contemporary Global Issues	3
HSCI 330	Medical Terminology	3
HSCI 3XX	Health Sci Elective	3
SCI ELECTIVE	Select from list	3-4
General Elective		3
Credits		15-16
Spring		
PHIL 499	Philosophies of the Good Life	3
PSYC 2XX	Psych Designated Elective	3

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Course	Title	Credits
General Elective		6-9
	Credits	12-15
	Total Credits	121-125

Curriculum: Physician Assistant refer to program's plan of study for two years of graduate studies.