

# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES - CENTER CITY (MS)

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## Program Description

The program prepares students to become competent physician assistants (PA), a medical professional who works as part of a team with a physician. After graduating from an accredited PA educational program, PAs become nationally certified and state-licensed to practice medicine in collaboration with a physician. PAs work in all areas of medicine, ranging from family practice to surgical subspecialties such as neurosurgery, and they perform physical examinations, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret lab tests, perform procedures, prescribe medications assist in surgery, provide patient education and counseling, and make rounds in hospitals and nursing facilities.

## Curriculum: 27 Months, 102 Credits

Course	Title	Credits
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Pre-Fall</b>		
<b>Didactic Year</b>		
PAST 500	Advanced Human Anatomy	5
PAST 510	Patient Communication	1.5
PAST 520	Intro to Professional Practice	1
PAST 522	Legal & Ethical Aspects of Med	1
PAST 523	Evidence Based Med & Pop Hlth	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>9.5</b>
<b>Fall</b>		
PAST 511	Physical Diagnosis I	1
PAST 530	Clinical Medicine I	5
PAST 550	Pharm & Clinic Therapeutics I	3
PAST 540	Clinical Skills I	1.5
PAST 560	Physiology & Pathophysiology I	2.5
PAST 570	Behavioral Science	2
PAST 581	Health Promotions & Disease Prev	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
PAST 512	Physical Diagnosis II	1
PAST 533	Clinical Medicine II	3
PAST 534	Clinical Medicine III	4
PAST 541	Clinical Skills II	3
PAST 551	Pharm & Clinic Therapeutics II	2
PAST 561	Physiology & Pathophys II	2.5
HQS 500	Intro Healthcare Qual & Safety	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>18.5</b>

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Summer</b>		
PAST 513	Physical Diagnosis III	1
PAST 535	Clinical Medicine IV	4
PAST 542	Clinical Skills III	1
PAST 552	Pharm & Clinical Therapy III	1.5
PAST 562	Physio & Pathophysiology III	1.5
PAST 590	Special Topics in Medicine	6
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
<b>Clinical Year</b>		
PAST 601	Internal Medicine Clinical <sup>1</sup>	5
PAST 610	Emergency Medicine <sup>1</sup>	5
PAST 620	Women's Health Clinical <sup>1</sup>	5
PAST 680	Healthcare I	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
PAST 630	Behavioral Medicine Clinical <sup>1</sup>	5
PAST 640	Surgery Clinical <sup>1</sup>	5
PAST 650	Primary Care Clinical <sup>1</sup>	5
PAST 681	Healthcare II	1
PAST 690	Graduate Project I	0.5
PAST 695	Summative Evaluation	0
PAST 660	Pediatrics Clinical	5
PAST 670	Elective Clinical <sup>1</sup>	5
PAST 691	Graduate Project II	0.5
PAST 695	Summative Evaluation	0
<b>Credits</b>		<b>27</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>102</b>

<sup>1</sup> Sequencing of clinical rotations depends on specific student schedules