



MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) degree program is a full-time, 27-month program offered on University of the Pacific's Sacramento campus. The program is designed for professionals and pre-health students interested in entering the fast-growing physician assistant (PA) field. The mission of the Physician Assistant Program at University of the Pacific is to provide students with a superior, learner-centered educational experience that will produce compassionate health care professionals committed to life-long learning and leadership in their careers and communities.

CURRICULUM

The program is designed as a full-time course of study, with no part-time options currently offered. Pacific's PA program emphasizes a combination of rigorous academic exploration and on-site clinical rotations. During the first year of the 27-month program students build a strong academic foundation in preparation for clinical practice, as well as develop a compassionate, patient-centered approach to healthcare. During the second year of the program, students participate in clinical rotations in a variety of healthcare settings, and will work with patients under the direction and supervision of licensed clinical preceptors.

FACULTY

Faculty for the Physician Assistant program feature decades of experience in both healthcare academia and clinical practice. PA program faculty will provide an inter-professional educational environment that fosters learning and prepares students to be skilled and compassionate health care practitioners in a wide range of clinical practice settings.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All of the following admission requirements must be completed and submitted to the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) by the application deadline:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited university
- Minimum overall & science GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended
- Minimum of 1,000 hours of health care experience
- Prerequisite Course Work

For a detailed list of prerequisites and updated requirements, visit pacific.edu/PAProgram.

TUITION AND FINANCING

Tuition cost for the 27-month program is estimated at \$104,675. Graduate students who are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens may apply for federal student loans. Please contact our Office of Financial Aid for more information about financing options.

MORE INFORMATION

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**Pacific has applied for Accreditation—Provisional from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). Pacific anticipates matriculating its first class in January 2017, pending achieving Accreditation—Provisional status at the September 2016 ARC-PA meeting. Accreditation—Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program's ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards or when a program holding accreditation-provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the Standards as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students.