

Application for Admission

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 1, with a new class beginning each January.

Minimum Criteria for Application for Admission

- Combined score of 800 on the Verbal and Quantitative portions of the GRE, and taken within the last five years
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college with minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- One semester of each of the following prerequisite courses with a grade of C or better:

General Chemistry with lab
Organic Chemistry with lab
(*Pre-med or Chemistry major level*)
Biology/Zoology with lab
Human Physiology
Human Anatomy
Microbiology (*Lab recommended*)
Medical Terminology
General Psychology
Developmental Psychology
Sociology/Anthropology

Additional Requirements: Three letters of recommendation, an admission essay and the ability to meet the Technical Standards established by the College of Health Sciences and the Physician Assistant Studies Program.

The most competitive applicants will be considered for an interview for admission.

Information

Application must be made through **both:**

University of Kentucky Graduate School
351 Patterson Office Tower
Lexington, KY 40506-0027
(859) 257-4613
www.rgs.uky.edu/gs

and

College of Health Sciences
Office of Student Affairs
900 S. Limestone
Lexington, KY 40536-0200
859-323-1100 ext. 80473
www.mc.uky.edu/pa

PA Professional Information:
American Academy of Physician Assistants
950 N. Washington St.
Alexandria, VA 22314-1552
www.aapa.org

**Application Deadline
is June 1**

Physician Assistant Studies
CTW Building 205C
900 S. Limestone
Lexington, KY 40536-0200
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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY



Master of Science
**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
STUDIES**

<http://www.mc.uky.edu/pa>

THE PROGRAM

The University of Kentucky offers a physician assistant Master's degree program that is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). The *Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies* (MSPAS) program is offered at the UK Lexington campus and rural campus at Morehead State University. Graduates are eligible to take the **Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination**. After successful completion of the exam, they are eligible for state certification/licensure to practice as certified physician assistants.

PROGRAM GOAL

The goal of the program is to develop well-educated and highly-skilled primary care physician assistants who will extend the physician's effectiveness and improve access to health care. Program graduates will have enhanced clinical competencies in evidence-based medicine, geriatrics, health services management, clinical nutrition, pharmacology and applied research.



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ROLE

The physician assistant functions under the supervision and responsibility of a licensed physician and is competent to:

- elicit a comprehensive health history
- perform physical examinations
- interpret and evaluate diagnostic data
- establish basic treatment plans
- counsel and educate patients
- respond to commonly encountered emergency care situations.

Physician assistants serve in a variety of clinical settings, such as primary care practices, geriatric long-term care facilities, hospitals, correctional institutions and community-based clinics. Program graduates also are competitive for positions in clinical research, health care administration and higher education.

FACULTY

The program is taught by a multidisciplinary faculty that is dedicated to preparing competent and compassionate physician assistants for the 21st century.

Interim Program Director-Julie Gurwell, Ph.D., PA-C
Director of Graduate Studies-Gerry A. Gairola, Ph.D.
Medical Director-Jennifer Joyce, M.D.

Gilbert A. Boissonneault, Ph.D., PA-C
David Fahringer, M.S.P.H., PA-C
Gerry Gairola, Ph.D.
Bill Grimes, D.Min., PA-C
Julie Gurwell, Ph.D., PA-C
Robert Hadley, Ph.D., PA-C
Bettye Hollins, Ph.D.
Debra Nickell, MBA, PA-C
Sam Powdrill, M.Phil, PA-C
Eileen Van Dyke, M.P.S., PA-C

ANA 611
PGY 412G
PAS 851
HSM 601

STA 570
PAS 680

PAS 610

PAS 853
PAS 654
PAS 672
PAS 857
PAS 850
PAS 645
PAS 658
PAS 673
PAS 655

PAS 856

PAS 640
CNU 800
PAS 646

PAS 660
PAS 661
PAS 862

PAS 663
PAS 864
PAS 669
PAS 870
PAS 871
PAS 842
PAS 680

CURRICULUM

Human Anatomy
Human Physiology
Intro to PA Profession
Overview of Health Care Delivery
Basic Statistical Analysis
Seminar in PA Studies I: Disease Prevention & Health Maintenance
Research Methods & Epidemiology
Intro to Human Diseases
Clinical Lecture Series I
Pharmacology I
Clinical Lab Procedures
Clinical Methods
Master's Project I
Clinical Lecture Series II
Pharmacology II
Psychosocial Factors in Primary Care
Patient Evaluation and Management
Survey of Geriatric Medicine
Applied Nutrition
Master's Project II

CLERKSHIPS

Family Medicine Clerkship
Pediatrics Clerkship
Obstetrics & Gynecology Clerkship
Surgery Clerkship
Geriatrics Clerkship
Internal Medicine Clerkship
Emergency Medicine Clerkship
Psychiatry Clerkship
Elective Clerkship
Seminar in PA Studies II