

MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES DEGREE PROGRAM



Established 1972

DEFINITION

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS / ASSOCIATES:

- A PA IS A MEDICAL PROVIDER WHO IS NATIONALLY CERTIFIED AND STATE LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE. TODAY THERE ARE MORE THAN 100,000 CERTIFIED PAS IN THE UNITED STATES.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE ROLES

- TAKE MEDICAL HISTORIES
- PERFORM PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS
- ORDER AND INTERPRET DIAGNOSTIC STUDIES
- PRESCRIBE MEDICATION
- DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT TREATMENT PLANS
- CONFER WITH PHYSICIANS AND OTHER CLINICIANS
- PROVIDE PATIENT EDUCATION



MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES PROGRAM IS TO:

- EXCEL IN THE ART AND SCIENCE OF PA EDUCATION.
- PROMOTE INTER-PROFESSIONAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE DELIVERY TO A DIVERSE AND DYNAMIC POPULATION TO IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES.
- FOSTER CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION.
- FOSTER A DEDICATION TO EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE, QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND PATIENT SAFETY.
- CULTIVATE A COMMITMENT TO FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT WELLNESS.
- ENCOURAGE LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND EXCELLENCE AMONG OUR FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, AND GRADUATES.

NATIONAL & STATE DEMOGRAPHICS

- APPROXIMATELY 158,470 CERTIFIED PAS
- ~12,000+ PAS IN TEXAS
- ~10,345 CERTIFIED PAS IN TEXAS
- ~9,610 LICENSED PAS IN TEXAS
- 70.1% FEMALE
- 35.0 PAS/100K POPULATION IN TX (RANKS 42)
- 6.6% OF TOTAL PAS IN THE U.S
- IN 2021, THERE WERE 48 CERTIFIED PAS PER 100,000 POPULATION IN THE U.S., COMPARED TO 37 IN 2017.
- ARC-PA ESTIMATES THAT THE NUMBER OF PA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS WILL GROW FROM 282 IN MARCH OF 2022 TO 317 BY 2024, THUS INCREASING THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY JOIN THE CERTIFIED PA WORKFORCE.





EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

2023 U.S. NEWS RANKINGS

- #2 IN BEST HEALTH CARE JOBS
- #4 IN THE 100 BEST JOBS
- #4 IN BEST STEM JOBS
- FORBES.COM RATED THE MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES THE TOP 10 BEST MASTER'S DEGREE IN THE U.S.
- HIGHEST PAYING JOBS NATIONAL MEDIAN BASE SALARY: \$121,530

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

APPLICATION DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 1ST

ADMITTING SEMESTER

SUMMER (MAY)

PROGRAM LENGTH

30 CONTINUOUS MONTHS

REQUIRED MINIMUM OVERALL GPA: 3.0

REQUIRED MINIMUM SCIENCE GPA: 3.0



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- REQUIRED COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE DATE THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED; A U.S. OR CANADIAN-ACQUIRED BACHELOR'S DEGREE MUST BE OBTAINED BY MAY IN THE YEAR OF ENROLLMENT.
- PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER HANDS-ON PATIENT CARE EXPERIENCE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.
- GRADE OF "C" OR HIGHER IN ALL REQUIRED COURSES.
- GRADUATE RECORD EXAM (GRE). THE GRE IS NOT REQUIRED OF APPLICANTS WHO HAVE A U.S. ACQUIRED BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREE OR HIGHER.
- ALL PREREQUISITE COURSES MUST HAVE BEEN COMPLETED WITHIN THE PAST 10 YEARS.
- PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS WHO HAVE INTERVIEWED FOR OUR PROGRAM FOR TWO CYCLES AND HAVE NOT BEEN OFFERED ACCEPTANCE, WILL NOT BE REVIEWED FOR A THIRD APPLICATION CYCLE.

REQUIRED COURSES FOR ADMISSION

- *HUMAN ANATOMY/LAB=4 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
- *HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY/LAB=4 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
- *GENERAL CHEMISTRY/LAB=8 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
- *ORGANIC CHEMISTRY/LAB=4 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
- *MICROBIOLOGY/LAB=4 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
- GENETICS=3 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
- PSYCHOLOGY=3 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
- STATISTICS=3 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

-*FOR SCIENCE MAJORS



COURSE DEADLINES

- **REQUIRED COURSES AND THOSE IN PROGRESS MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE TIME OF APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED.**
- **ALL TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 1.**
- **ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS (APPLICATION, OFFICIAL GRE SCORES, LETTERS OF REFERENCE) REMAIN SEPTEMBER 1.**

CONSIDERATIONS

- QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF ACADEMIC PREPARATION
- HEALTH CARE EXPERIENCE
- AWARDS, HONORS, SERVICE, LEADERSHIP
- LETTERS OF REFERENCE
- PERSONAL STATEMENT/ESSAY
- INTERVIEW FOR MOST COMPETITIVE

COMPETITIVE APPLICANTS

- BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITH GREATER THAN 50 SEMESTER HOURS IN SCIENCE COURSES
- GREATER THAN 3.25 OVERALL & SCIENCE GPAS
- HANDS-ON PATIENT CARE EXPERIENCE
- EVIDENCE OF LEADERSHIP
- SUPERIOR REFERENCES
- MATURE, INSIGHTFUL ESSAY
- EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE
- SUPERIOR PEOPLE SKILLS



WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

OUR STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE....

A STRONG WORK ETHIC

PROFESSIONALISM

CONSCIENTIOUSNESS

MATURITY

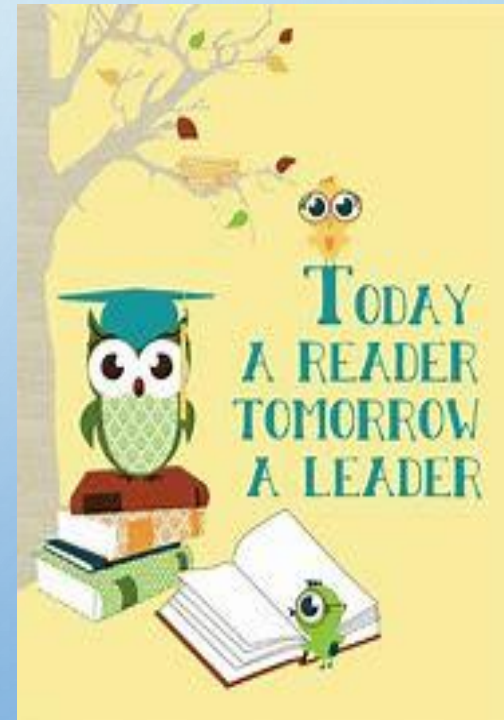
COMMITMENT

EVIDENCE OF SERVICE

HUMILITY

ADAPTABILITY

TOLERANCE OF AMBIGUITY



ADMISSIONS PROCESS

- EARLY ADMISSIONS CONFIRMATION OFFERED TO THE MOST COMPETITIVE CANDIDATES FOLLOWING INTERVIEW DATES.
- EARLY APPLICATION IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DEADLINE IF APPLICATION IS OTHERWISE COMPLETE.



CLASS OF 2026 APPLICANT PROFILE

2616 REVIEWED APPLICATIONS

165 INTERVIEWED

57 ENROLLED

46 WOMEN / 11 MEN

1 NON-TEXAS RESIDENT

CLASS OF 2026 STUDENT PROFILE

AVERAGE AGE=24.8

AVERAGE SCIENCE GPA=3.60

(SCIENCE RANGE 3.16 TO 4.00)

AVERAGE OVERALL GPA=3.70

AVERAGE GRE (V & Q)=304

(QUANTITATIVE RANGE 143 TO 162)

CLASS OF 2025 APPLICANT PROFILE

2429 VERIFIED APPLICATIONS

162 INTERVIEWED

56 ENROLLED

41 WOMEN / 15 MEN

6 NON-TEXAS RESIDENT

CLASS OF 2025 STUDENT PROFILE

AVERAGE AGE=24

AVERAGE SCIENCE GPA=3.69

(SCIENCE RANGE 3.24 TO 4.00)

AVERAGE OVERALL GPA=3.74

AVERAGE GRE (V & Q)=303

(QUANTITATIVE RANGE 138 TO 167)

CLASS OF 2024 APPLICANT PROFILE

2380 REVIEWED APPLICATIONS

174 INTERVIEWED

60 ENROLLED

45 WOMEN / 15 MEN

6 NON-TEXAS RESIDENT

CLASS OF 2024 STUDENT PROFILE

AVERAGE AGE=25

AVERAGE SCIENCE GPA=3.62

(SCIENCE RANGE 3.05 TO 4.00)

AVERAGE OVERALL GPA=3.65

AVERAGE GRE (V & Q)=302

(QUANTITATIVE RANGE 140 TO 165)

TUITION ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

TEXAS RESIDENT:

\$366.00/SEMESTER HOUR X 112 HOURS=\$40,992.00

NON-TEXAS RESIDENT:

\$786.00/SEMESTER HOUR X 112 HOURS=\$88,032.00

FEES:

\$6,143 OVER 30 MONTHS

INCLUDES: STUDENT SERVICES FEE

MEDICAL SERVICE FEE

COMPUTER USAGE FEE

MALPRACTICE FEE

BCLS/ACLS COURSE FEE

SIM CENTER FEE

SUTURE KITS

ANATOMY LAB

LAB FEE

GRADUATION FEE



TUITION ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025 INCIDENTALS

COMPUTER=\$2500

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT=\$700

LAB COATS=\$80

BOOKS=\$800

TOTAL=\$4,080



TUITION PLUS FEES

TEXAS RESIDENT:

**\$47,135.00 OVER 30 MONTHS OR
\$1,571.17/MONTH (\$18,854.00 YEAR)**

NON-TEXAS RESIDENT

**\$94,175.00 OVER 30 MONTHS OR
\$3,139.17/MONTH (\$37,670.00/YEAR)**



EARNINGS

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT INCOME

NATIONAL AVERAGE IN 2021

\$119,460/YEAR

TEXAS AVERAGE

\$116,070



DIDACTIC PHASE MAY - JULY (15 MONTHS)



SUMMER SEMESTER 1

13 SEMESTER HOURS TOTAL

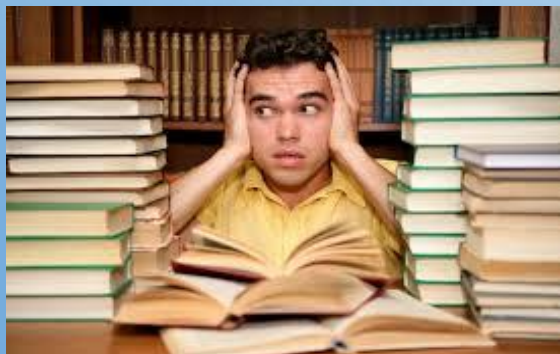
HUMAN ANATOMY LECTURE

HUMAN ANATOMY LAB

HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY

INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN NEUROSCIENCE

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE ISSUES I



FALL SEMESTER

16 SEMESTER HOURS TOTAL

CLINICAL MEDICINE I

INTEGRATION SKILLS I

INTRODUCTION TO PATHOLOGY

PATIENT EVALUATION I

PHARMACOLOGY I

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



SPRING SEMESTER

16 SEMESTER HOURS TOTAL

CLINICAL MEDICINE II

CLINICAL PREVENTION & POPULATION HEALTH

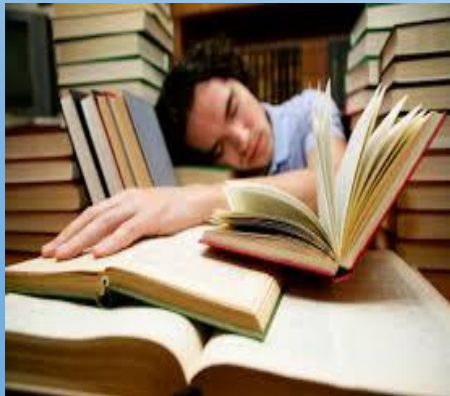
EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE

INTEGRATION SKILLS II

PATIENT EVALUATION II

PHARMACOLOGY II

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



SUMMER SEMESTER 2

13 SEMESTER HOURS TOTAL

CLINICAL MEDICINE III

CLINICAL SKILLS

PATIENT EVALUATION III

PSYCHIATRY



DIDACTIC HIGHLIGHTS

EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE

FULL CADAVER DISSECTION

INTEGRATED BLOCKS OF INSTRUCTION

PACKRAT EXAM

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE ISSUES

SIMULATED PATIENT LAB

SMALL GROUP TUTORIALS



CLINICAL PHASE

AUGUST - NOVEMBER (15 MONTHS)

* UTSW'S AFFILIATE INSTITUTIONS DO REQUIRE STUDENTS TRAINING AT THEIR LOCATIONS TO COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE SITE POLICIES, INCLUDING VACCINATION. THOSE POLICIES VARY BY LOCATION AND SOME SITE POLICIES DO NOT CONTAIN EXEMPTIONS.



CLINICAL ROTATIONS

FAMILY MEDICINE: 8 WEEKS

- MULTIPLE PRIVATE PRACTICE SITES
- OUTPATIENT-BASED



CLINICAL ROTATIONS

INTERNAL MEDICINE/HOSPITALIST: 8 WEEKS

**PARKLAND HEALTH & HOSPITAL SYSTEM, CLEMENTS
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE
MEDICAL CENTER**

- **HOSPITALIST INPATIENT TEAMS LED BY STAFF
ATTENDING PHYSICIANS**
- **STUDENTS HOUSING PROVIDED AT SCOTT & WHITE**



CLINICAL ROTATIONS



PRIMARY CARE PRECEPTORSHIP: 8 WEEKS

- DESIGNATED PRIMARY CARE SPECIALTY SETTING OF EITHER FAMILY MEDICINE, INTERNAL MEDICINE, PEDIATRICS OR WOMEN'S HEALTH



CLINICAL ROTATIONS

EMERGENCY MEDICINE: 4 WEEKS

- CLEMENTS UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
- PARKLAND HEALTH & HOSPITAL SYSTEM
- PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL
- METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER
- CHARLTON METHODIST HOSPITAL
- MEDICAL CENTER - MULTIPLE LOCATIONS
 - 4 WEEKS ER: 10 TWELVE-HOUR SHIFTS



CLINICAL ROTATIONS

INFECTIOUS DISEASES: 4 WEEKS

- PARKLAND HEALTH & HOSPITAL SYSTEM
- DALLAS VETERANS MEDICAL CENTER
- CLEMENTS UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL



CLINICAL ROTATIONS

PEDIATRICS: 4 WEEKS

- PRIVATE PRACTICE SETTINGS



CLINICAL ROTATIONS

SURGERY: 4 WEEKS

- PARKLAND HEALTH & HOSPITAL SYSTEM
- ZALE LIPSHY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
- CLEMENTS UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
- DALLAS VA HOSPITAL



CLINICAL ROTATIONS

WOMEN'S HEALTH: 4 WEEKS

- CLEMENTS UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
 - 2 WEEKS INPATIENT OBSTETRICS
- COMMUNITY PRACTICES
 - 2 WEEKS OUTPATIENT GYNECOLOGY



CLINICAL ROTATIONS

ELECTIVE: 4 WEEKS

- APPROXIMATELY 25 TO CHOOSE FROM
- POPULAR CHOICES INCLUDE DERMATOLOGY, SURGERY SPECIALTIES, EMERGENCY MEDICINE
- INTERNATIONAL POSSIBILITIES



CLINICAL HIGHLIGHTS

STELLAR SITES & PRECEPTORS ACROSS THE STATE OF TEXAS

BALANCED MIX OF PRIVATE, PUBLIC, INPATIENT &
OUTPATIENT SETTINGS

INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED PRECEPTORS

JOB FAIR

LABOR & DELIVERY EXPOSURE

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

RESUME WORKSHOP

PANCE REVIEW COURSE

TEN ROTATIONS OVER FOUR SEMESTERS



PARKLAND HEALTH & HOSPITAL SYSTEM

- INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LEVEL 1 TRAUMA AND BURN CENTERS
- 2.8 MILLION-SQUARE-FOOT CAMPUS
- SPECIALTY ER'S IN MEDICINE, SURGERY, PSYCHIATRY, AND OB-GYN
- 1 MILLION PATIENT VISITS PER YEAR
- >40,570 ADMISSIONS PER YEAR
- 878 BEDS

PARKLAND HOSPITAL



WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS JR. UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL



RANKING

OUT OF 170 PROGRAMS RANKED 2020

UT SOUTHWESTERN: 7TH





PANCE

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT NATIONAL CERTIFYING EXAMINATION

- ALWAYS INQUIRE ABOUT FIRST-TIME PASS RATES
- OUR FIRST-TIME PASS RATES ARE:
 - 2023-96%
 - 2022-96%
 - 2021-93%
 - 2020-100%
 - 2019-98%
 - 2018-100%
 - 2017-100%
 - 2016-100%
 - 2015-100%
 - 2014-100%
 - 2013-100%
 - 2012-100%

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION



**ACCREDITATION REQUIRED FOR PA LICENSURE
AND CERTIFICATION**

**UT SOUTHWESTERN HAS MAINTAINED
CONTINUING ACCREDITATION SINCE 1973,
WITH NO ADVERSE ACCREDITATION ACTIONS**

APPLICATION SERVICE

- WEB-BASED APPLICATION SYSTEM SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF PA PROGRAMS.
- ALLOWS APPLICANTS TO APPLY TO ANY NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING PA PROGRAMS.
- BEAT THE DEADLINE; EARLY APPLICATION RECOMMENDED.
- APPLY TO SEVERAL PROGRAMS IF BEING A PA IS YOUR ULTIMATE GOAL. APPLYING TO ONLY ONE PROGRAM IS NOT ADVISED.
- [HTTPS://CASPA.LIAISONCAS.COM/APPLICANT-UX/#/LOGIN](https://caspa.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login)
- CASPA FACEBOOK PAGE: [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CASPAONLINEAPP](http://www.facebook.com/caspaonlineapp)
- VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTERING COURSEWORK IN THE CASPA APPLICATION: [HTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=JPXPPEYKBZQ&FEATURE=PLAYER_DETAILPAGE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPXPPEYKBZQ&feature=player_detailpage)



CASPA APPLICATION OUTCOMES

- 25% CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE IF ONLY APPLYING TO ONE PROGRAM
- 49% CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE IF APPLYING TO 12 PROGRAMS
 - (NO ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGE WAS NOTED IF APPLYING TO MORE THAN 12 PROGRAMS)



APPLICATION COST

NUMBER OF DESIGNATED CASPA PROGRAMS

1. \$184

2. \$245

3. \$306

4. \$367

5. \$428



WEB SITE

UT SOUTHWESTERN PA DEPARTMENT HOME PAGE

WWW.UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU/PA

CATALOG, COURSE DESCRIPTIONS, APPLICATION
INFORMATION, GENERAL INFORMATION



OTHER SITES

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATES (AAPA)

WWW.AAPA.ORG

TEXAS ACADEMY OF PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATES (TAPA)

WWW.TAPA.ORG

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (PAEA)

WWW.PAEAONLINE.ORG

SCRIBE.OLOGY

WWW.SCRIBEOLGY.COM

SCRIBEAMERICA

WWW.SCRIBEAMERICA.COM

DISCLOSURE

- PA EDUCATION IS INTENSE, FAST-PACED, AND DIFFICULT FOR THE DURATION OF ENROLLMENT
- THE EXPECTATION OF HAVING LIFE BALANCE AS A PA STUDENT IS OFTEN NOT REALISTIC-THAT COMES WITH THE END POINT-GRADUATION AND EMPLOYMENT
- IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE ALL SUPPORT SYSTEMS IN PLACE AND ALL PERSONAL HEALTH CONDITIONS WELL-MANAGED PRIOR TO STARTING THE CURRICULUM

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PA DEPARTMENT STAFF



COVID-19 PROVISIONS & COMMON QUESTIONS

- WE REVIEW THE COVID SPECIFIC ESSAYS
- GRE SCORES OBTAINED VIA AT HOME VERSION ARE ACCEPTED
- WE DO NOT ACCEPT GRADES OF PASS/FAIL OR SATISFACTORY/UNSATISFACTORY FOR ANY PREREQUISITE COURSE – ALL PREREQUISITE COURSES MUST HAVE AN ACCOMPANYING LETTER GRADE (A-C)
- ONLINE LABS AND OTHER COURSES BEING TAUGHT IN A VIRTUAL SETTING ARE ACCEPTED AS LONG AS TAUGHT AT A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED INSTITUTION

QUESTIONS?

UT Southwestern

Medical Center

Department of Physician

Assistant Studies