

Master of Physician Assistant Studies Degree Program



Established 1972

Definition

Physician Assistants:

- 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.

Mission/Vision Statement

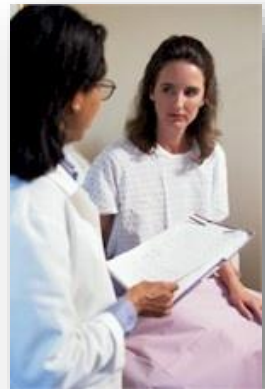
The mission of the Physician Assistant Studies Program is to:

- Excel in the art and science of physician assistant education and promote inter-professional primary health care delivery to a diverse and dynamic population.
- Encourage leadership, service and excellence among our faculty, staff, students and graduates.
- Foster a commitment to evidence-based medicine, quality improvement and patient safety.

The vision of the Physician Assistant Studies Program is to become a destination PA Program for disadvantaged and underrepresented faculty, staff and students while achieving and maintaining excellent outcome measures.

Physician Assistant 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



National Demographics

- Approximately 115,547 PAs in clinical practice in 2018
- ~8,000 PAs in Texas (January 2018)
- 66.7% female
- 27.9 PAs/100K population in TX (ranks 40)



Employment Outlook

- 30% salary increase from 2013 to 2017 USA Today
- PA: Best Jobs For 2018 U.S. News Rankings
- Forbes.com rated the Master of Physician Assistant Studies the top 10 best master's degree in the U.S. in 2018
- The PA profession ranked #7 of the 25 HIGHEST paying jobs National Median Base Salary: \$112,529 CNN 2017



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
- Genetics=3 semester credit hours
- Psychology=3 semester credit hours
- *General Chemistry/lab=8 semester credit hours
- *Organic Chemistry/lab=4 semester credit hours
- *Microbiology/lab=4 semester credit hours
- College Algebra (or higher)=3 semester credit hours
(Statistics is acceptable)
 - *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

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 2019 Applicant Profile

1829 verified applications

162 interviewed

54 enrolled

40 women / 14 men

5 non-Texas resident

Class of 2019 Student Profile

Average age=24

Average Science GPA=3.70

Average Overall GPA=3.66

Average GRE (V & Q)=307

Class of 2018 Applicant Profile

1564 verified applications

172 interviewed

48 enrolled

39 women/9 men

1 non-Texas resident

Class of 2018 Student Profile

Average age=24

Average Science GPA=3.66

Average Overall GPA=3.66

Average GRE (V & Q)=311



Student Attrition

- UTSW is consistently below the national average

Total (U.S. average, by percentage)

Graduated	94.1
Decelerated	3.0
Withdrawn/Dismissed	2.9
Total	100.0

Tuition Academic Year 2017/2018

Texas Resident:

\$312.81/semester hour x 112 hours=\$35,034.72

Non-Texas Resident:

\$727.81/semester hour x 112 hours=\$81,514.72

Fees:

\$4,450 over 30 months

Includes: Student services

Medical services

Computer usage

Malpractice

BLS/ACLS course fee

Anatomy lab

Graduation



Tuition Academic Year 2017/2018 Incidentals

Computer=\$2500

Medical Equipment=\$500

Lab Coats=\$80

Books=\$500

Total=\$3580



Tuition Plus Fees

Texas Resident:

\$39,484.78 over 30 months or \$1,314/month
(\$15,794/year)

Non-Texas Resident

\$85,964.72 over 30 months or \$2,865/month
(\$34,386/year)



Earnings

Physician Assistant Income

National average

\$102,090/year

Texas average

\$112,670



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

PANCE Review Course

Professional Practice Issues

Simulated Patient Lab

Small Group Tutorials



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

Emergency Medicine: 4 Weeks

- Clements University Hospital
- Parkland Health & Hospital System
- Presbyterian Hospital
- Methodist Medical Center
- Charlton Methodist Hospital
- Medical Center of Plano
- 4 weeks ER: 10 twelve-hour shifts



Clinical Rotations

Surgery: 4 weeks

- Parkland Health & Hospital System
- Zale Lipshy University Hospital
- Clements University Hospital
- Dallas VA Hospital



Clinical Rotations

Pediatrics: 4 weeks

- Private practice settings



Clinical Rotations

Obstetrics and Gynecology: 4 weeks

- Clements University Hospital
 - 2 weeks inpatient Obstetrics
- Community Practices
 - 2 weeks outpatient Gynecology



Clinical Rotations

Family Medicine: 8 weeks

- Multiple private practice sites
- Outpatient-based



Clinical Rotations

Infectious Diseases: 4 weeks

- Parkland Health & Hospital System
- Dallas Veterans Medical Center
- Clements University Hospital



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

Elective: 4 weeks

- Approximately 25 to choose from
- Popular choices include dermatology, surgery specialties, emergency medicine
- International possibilities



Clinical Highlights

Balanced Mix of Private, Public, Inpatient &
Outpatient

Internationally Renowned Preceptors

Job Fair

Labor & Delivery

Resume Workshop

Ten Rotations Over Four Semesters

Parkland Health & Hospital System

- Internationally recognized trauma and burn centers
- Specialty ER's in Medicine, Surgery, Psychiatry, and OB-Gyn
- 40,570 admissions per year
- 862 beds

Parkland Hospital



William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital



Ranking

Out of 154 Programs Ranked in 2015

UT Southwestern: 15th



PANCE

Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination

- Always inquire about first-time pass rates
- Our first-time pass rates are:
 - 2017-100%
 - 2016-100%
 - 2015-100%
 - 2014-100%
 - 2013-100%
 - 2012-100%
 - 2011-100%
 - 2010-100%
 - 2009-100%
 - 2008-100%
 - 2007-100%

Program Accreditation



*Accreditation Review Commission on Education
for the Physician Assistant, Inc.*

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.
- Avoid 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.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>
- CASPA Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CASPAOnlineApp
- Video instructions for entering coursework in the CASPA application:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPXppeYKbZQ&feature=player_detailpage



Central **Application**
Service for **Physician Assistants**

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)

CASPA

Central **Application**
Service for **Physician Assistants**

Application Cost

Number of Designated CASPA Programs

1. \$177
2. \$228
3. \$279
4. \$330
5. \$381



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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 Assistants (AAPA)

www.aapa.org

Texas Academy of Physician Assistants (TAPA)

www.tapa.org

Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA)

www.paeaonline.org

Scribe.ology

www.scribeology.com

PhysAssist Scribes

www.iamscribe.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

UT Southwestern Faculty

- Carolyn Bradley-Guidry, MPAS, PA-C
- Veronica Coleman, MPAS, PA-C
- Laurette Dekat, MD, MPH
- Temple Howell-Stampley, MD, MBA, FACP
- Kassidy James, MHS, PA-C
- Elizabeth Johnston, MPAS, PA-C
- John Kane, MPAS, PA-C
- Tiffany Kindratt, Ph.D., MPH
- David Klocko, MPAS, PA-C
- Venetia Orcutt, Ph.D., MBA, PA-C
- Daytheon Sturges, MPAS, PA-C
- Bau Tran, PharmD, MS, PA-C, FCCP (April 2018)



PA Department Faculty



UT Southwestern Staff

- Kelly Armstrong, Education Coordinator
- Sarah Garza, Education Coordinator
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- Heather Salinas, Program Coordinator
- Natalie Weaver, Senior Administrative Associate
- Yolanda Zambrano, Administrative Assistant



Staff

PA Department Staff



Questions?

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