

# 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.

# 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



# MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES PROGRAM IS TO:

- EXCEL IN THE ART AND SCIENCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EDUCATION.
- 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 DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION, EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE, QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND PATIENT SAFETY.

# 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 2019 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 1<sup>ST</sup>**

## **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

# 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 2022 APPLICANT PROFILE

1833 VERIFIED APPLICATIONS

162 INTERVIEWED

60 ENROLLED (MAY 2020)

46 WOMEN / 14 MEN

2 NON-TEXAS RESIDENT

# CLASS OF 2022 STUDENT PROFILE

**AVERAGE AGE=25**

**AVERAGE SCIENCE GPA=3.57**

**(SCIENCE RANGE 3.00 TO 4.00)**

**AVERAGE OVERALL GPA=3.63**

**AVERAGE GRE (V & Q)=301**

**(QUANTITATIVE RANGE 144 TO 168)**



# CLASS OF 2021 APPLICANT PROFILE

1716 VERIFIED APPLICATIONS

160 INTERVIEWED

60 ENROLLED

49 WOMEN/ 11 MEN

1 NON-TEXAS RESIDENT

# CLASS OF 2021 STUDENT PROFILE

**AVERAGE AGE=25**

**AVERAGE SCIENCE GPA=3.60**

**(SCIENCE RANGE 3.00 TO 4.00)**

**AVERAGE OVERALL GPA=3.67**

**AVERAGE GRE (V & Q)=307**

**(QUANTITATIVE RANGE 143 TO 164)**

# CLASS OF 2020 APPLICANT PROFILE

1687 VERIFIED APPLICATIONS

162 INTERVIEWED

60 ENROLLED

47 WOMEN/13 MEN

5 NON-TEXAS RESIDENT

# CLASS OF 2020 STUDENT PROFILE

**AVERAGE AGE=25**

**AVERAGE SCIENCE GPA=3.62**

**(SCIENCE RANGE 3.03 TO 4.00)**

**AVERAGE OVERALL GPA=3.66**

**AVERAGE GRE (V & Q)=310**

**(QUANTITATIVE RANGE 148 TO 164)**

# CLASS OF 2021



# 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

# TUITION ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020

## TEXAS RESIDENT:

\$331.00/SEMESTER HOUR X 112 HOURS=\$37,072.00

## NON-TEXAS RESIDENT:

\$746.00/SEMESTER HOUR X 112 HOURS=\$83,552.00

## FEEES:

\$5,104 OVER 30 MONTHS

INCLUDES: STUDENT SERVICES

MEDICAL SERVICES

COMPUTER USAGE

MALPRACTICE

BLS/ACLS COURSE FEE

ANATOMY LAB

GRADUATION



# TUITION ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020 INCIDENTALS

COMPUTER=\$2500

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT=\$500

LAB COATS=\$80

BOOKS=\$500

TOTAL=\$3580





# TUITION PLUS FEES

## TEXAS RESIDENT:

**\$45,756.00 OVER 30 MONTHS OR  
\$1,525.20/MONTH (\$18,302.40 YEAR)**

## NON-TEXAS RESIDENT

**\$92,236.00 OVER 30 MONTHS OR  
\$3,074.53/MONTH (\$36,894.36/YEAR)**



# EARNINGS

## PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT INCOME

**NATIONAL AVERAGE**

**\$108,430/YEAR**

**TEXAS AVERAGE**

**\$109,590**



# SUMMER SEMESTER 1

**13 SEMESTER HOURS TOTAL**

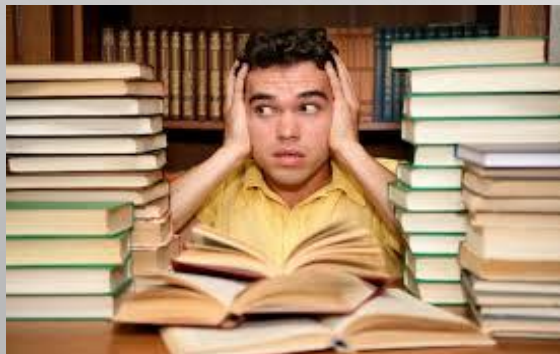
**HUMAN ANATOMY LECTURE**

**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**

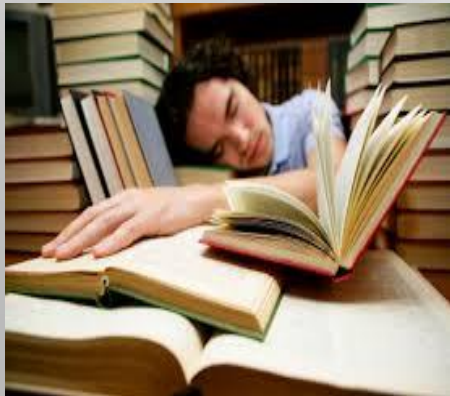
**EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE**

**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 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

## WOMEN'S HEALTH: 4 WEEKS

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



# CLINICAL ROTATIONS

## FAMILY MEDICINE: 8 WEEKS

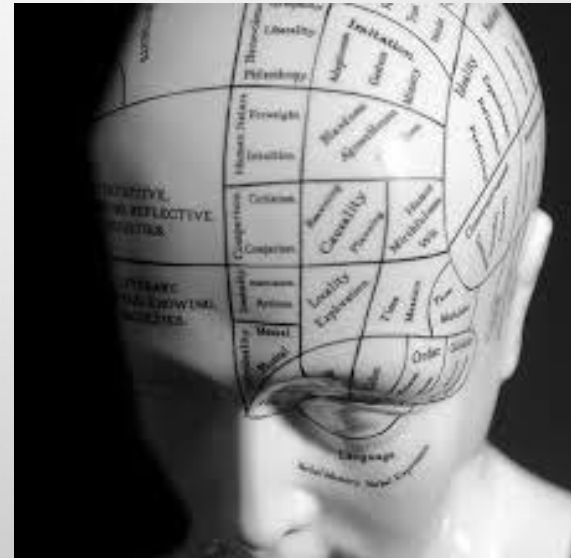
- MULTIPLE PRIVATE PRACTICE SITES
- OUTPATIENT-BASED



# CLINICAL ROTATIONS

## PSYCHIATRY: 4 WEEKS

- HOSPITAL AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITY BASED
- 2 WEEKS INPATIENT
- 2 WEEKS OUTPATIENT



# 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

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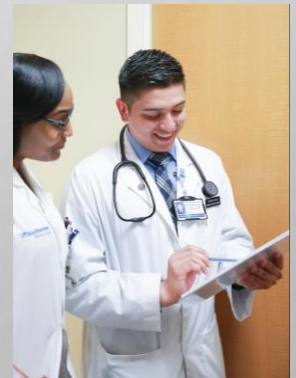
LABOR & DELIVERY

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

RESUME WORKSHOP

PANCE REVIEW COURSE

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 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:
  - 2018-100%
  - 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 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.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. \$179

2. \$234

3. \$289

4. \$344

5. \$399



# WEB SITE

UT SOUTHWESTERN PA DEPARTMENT HOME PAGE

[WWW.UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU/PA](http://WWW.UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU/PA)

CATALOG, COURSE DESCRIPTIONS, APPLICATION  
INFORMATION, GENERAL INFORMATION



# OTHER SITES

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (AAPA)

[WWW.AAPA.ORG](http://WWW.AAPA.ORG)

TEXAS ACADEMY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (TAPA)

[WWW.TAPA.ORG](http://WWW.TAPA.ORG)

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (PAEA)

[WWW.PAEAONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.PAEAONLINE.ORG)

SCRIBE.OLOGY

[WWW.SCRIBEOLLOGY.COM](http://WWW.SCRIBEOLLOGY.COM)

SCRIBEAMERICA

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# 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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