

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES (MPAS)

Admission Requirements

Candidates for admission to the Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree program must possess at a minimum:

1. Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution in the U.S. or Canada prior to matriculation into the program
2. Complete all required prerequisite courses with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) and prerequisite course GPA of 3.00 or greater on a 4.00 scale. Pass/Fail courses will only be accepted by individual waiver.
 - GPA requirements must be met by the application deadline.
 - Grades below "C" in prerequisite courses will not be accepted.
 - If a prerequisite course is repeated, the credit hours assigned to the course may be counted only once in fulfilling the required number of hours. Both grades will be calculated into the cumulative and science GPA. Higher grades do not replace lower grades.
 - If the cumulative GPA is less than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, an applicant may still be eligible for admission if a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater has been achieved over the last 60 semester or 90 quarter hour credits of coursework.
3. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) within the last five years from the application is required. Preference will be given for Quantitative scores at or above the 60th percentile and Analytical Writing scores of 3.5 and above. GRE scores must be directly reported from ETS to CASPA code 1397. We encourage applicants to follow up with CASPA to assure that scores are posted to the application in a timely manner. We will not accept scores reported directly to Baylor University.

ETS offers free preparation materials, webinars, and testing day advice for the GRE. Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of these resources.
4. Three letters of recommendation are required to be submitted through CASPA.

At least one recommendation must come from a healthcare professional knowledgeable of the applicant's clinical performance.
5. A minimum of 500 hours of direct healthcare experience (paid or volunteer) in the U.S. must be completed by all applicants prior to application. Examples include, but are not limited to scribe, therapist, therapist aide, technologist, phlebotomist, EMT, paramedic, pharmacy technician, health educator, nurse, nurse aide, patient care attendant, health-related Peace Corps volunteer or other cross-cultural health care experience. Preference will be given for:
 - Experience greater than 500 hours
 - One year or more paid professional experience as a health care professional beyond licensing, certification, or graduation.

6. Preference will be given for professional experience in research for one year or longer.

7. Other admission criteria:

- International students will not be accepted at this time.
- Students must meet the minimal technical requirements for admission, continuation, and graduation.
- If invited, an interview is required. Interviews are offered based on a complete assessment of the full application. Final admissions decisions are the result of a holistic evaluation of applicants following the completion of their interview.
- An approved background check must be completed prior to matriculation.

Requirements for the Master of Physician Assistant Studies

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| 108 credit hours, including: | | |
| PAS 5112 | Genetics | 1 |
| PAS 5521 | Clinical Medicine 2 | 5 |
| PAS 5631 | Clinical Medicine 3 | 6 |
| PAS 5415 | Pharmacology 1 | 4 |
| PAS 5325 | Pharmacology 2 | 3 |
| PAS 5235 | Pharmacology 3 | 2 |
| PAS 5314 | Physiology and Pathophysiology 1 | 3 |
| PAS 5224 | Physiology and Pathophysiology 2 | 2 |
| PAS 5234 | Physiology and Pathophysiology 3 | 2 |
| PAS 5216 | Patient Assessment and Management 1 | 2 |
| PAS 5326 | Patient Assessment and Management 2 | 3 |
| PAS 5336 | Patient Assessment and Management 3 | 3 |
| PAS 5217 | Diagnostic Methods 1 | 2 |
| PAS 5227 | Diagnostic Methods 2 | 2 |
| PAS 5237 | Diagnostic Methods 3 | 2 |
| PAS 5323 | Evidence-Based Medicine and Practice 1 | 3 |
| PAS 5233 | Evidence-Based Medicine and Practice 2 | 2 |
| PAS 5322 | Preventative Medicine and Public Health | 3 |
| PAS 5332 | Healthcare Ethics, Policy, and Professionalism | 3 |
| PAS 5138 | Clinical Phase Preparation | 1 |
| PAS 5441 | Family Medicine Supervised Clinical Practice Experience | 4 |
| PAS 5442 | Internal Medicine Supervised Clinical Practice Experience | 4 |
| PAS 5446 | Pediatrics Supervised Clinical Practice Experience | 4 |
| PAS 5444 | Emergency Medicine Supervised Clinical Practice Experience | 4 |
| PAS 5445 | Surgery Supervised Clinical Practice Experience | 4 |
| PAS 5443 | Women's Health Supervised Clinical Practice Experience | 4 |
| PAS 5447 | Behavioral Health Supervised Clinical Practice Experience | 4 |

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| PAS 5341 | Selective 1 Supervised Clinical Practice Experience | 3 |
| PAS 5342 | Selective 2 Supervised Clinical Practice Experience | 3 |
| PAS 5343 | Selective 3 Supervised Clinical Practice Experience | 3 |
| PAS 5344 | Selective 4 Supervised Clinical Practice Experience | 3 |
| PAS 5141 | Summative Session | 1 |
| PAS 5242 | Capstone | 2 |
| PAS 5243 | Senior Seminar | 2 |
| PAS 5413 | Human Anatomy | 4 |
| PAS 5511 | Clinical Medicine 1 | 5 |
| Total Hours | | 108 |