

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

Physician Assistant Studies

Degree: Master of Physician Assistant Studies

Program Length: 27 months

Physician assistants (PAs) are licensed healthcare professionals who practice medicine under the supervision of a physician. As part of their comprehensive responsibilities, PAs conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventative health care, assist in surgery, and prescribe medications.

Why PA at MU?

- **Opportunities to serve others.** The program offers an array of learning environments within communities rich in diversity, urban settings, and designated health professional shortage areas. In keeping with the Jesuit tradition of Marquette, you will learn to practice medicine and deliver quality care while treating patients with dignity, respect, and compassion.
- **Learn in state-of-the-art facilities.** The PA program moved into its new home in the summer of 2019. This new construction, designed specifically for PA education, offers state-of-the-art technology in both the classrooms and simulation labs.
- **Customize your degree.** You will have the opportunity to select specialty rotations in areas such as orthopedics, surgical subspecialties or internal medicine specialties.
- **Expand your horizons.** Clinical rotations are available through the United States and beyond, including sites in Puerto Rico, Belize, and Native American Reservations in Alaska and North Dakota.
- **Highly ranked program.** The PA program at MU is ranked in the top 9% of all programs nationwide. The strength of the program is evident in the lower attrition and deceleration rates compared to the national average.

Accelerated Track for BISC majors

- Students in the Biomedical Science major following the pre-PA track can apply at the end of their sophomore year, to begin the two-year PA curriculum in the summer after their junior year. Accepted students complete their bachelor's and master's degrees in five years, instead of six.

See reverse side for the program curriculum



PA as a Career

- **Excellent Career Outlook:** The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 28% job growth (much faster than average) for 2021-2031, with median pay of \$121,000.
- **Career Flexibility:** PAs are trained as generalists in the medical model, with excellent opportunities to work in a variety of areas of practice.

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PA CURRICULUM

PA Didactic Curriculum (Summer Start)

SUMMER SEMESTER

Medical Pharmacology
 Medical Anatomy
 Public Health
 Intro. To Medical History and PE
 Diagnostics Technology

PA Didactic Curriculum

FALL SEMESTER

SPRING SEMESTER

SUMMER SEMESTER

Evidence-Based Practice 1	Evidence-Based Practice 2	Clinical Decision Making 3
Clinical Medicine 1	Clinical Medicine 3	Pharmacotherapeutics
Clinical Medicine 2	Clinical Medicine 4	Emergency Medicine
Clinical Decision Making 1 w/Coding	Clinical Decision Making 2	Professional and Ethical Issues
Physician Assistant Practice	Pediatric Medicine	Surgical Principles and Procedures
Interpersonal Communication	Health Care Systems	Procedures and Clinics 3
Procedures and Clinics 1	Procedures and Clinics 2	
Interprofessional Education	Interprofessional Education	
	B.S. degree completion for accelerated track	

PA Clinical Year

FALL SEMESTER

SPRING SEMESTER

SUMMER SEMESTER

Summative Clinical Assessment (2 credits in each of the final three semesters)
 Master's Capstone Project (3 credits completed in ONE of the final three terms)
 Internship in Physician Assistant Studies (30 credits distributed over the final three terms)—required clinical internship experiences include family practice, internal medicine, emergency medicine and surgery.

Note: This curriculum is subject to change, students are bound by the curriculum in place upon entering the first semester of the PA curriculum.

The program currently admits 75 students per cohort, which includes approximately 27 Marquette University applicants majoring in Biomedical Sciences. In addition, a limited number of acceptances are extended to Marquette applicants and graduates from other majors at MU.

