



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES MASTER OF SCIENCE

Imagine being a member of a coalition of researchers, educators, and practitioners from many professions who work together to improve human health. We transform students into highly skilled health care practitioners who advance the health and well-being of society. Through research, we discover, evaluate, and implement new knowledge to improve models and methods of practice in pharmacy and health sciences from the urban to global levels. Arrive at your health career destination by accepting our invitation to explore the programs of the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

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WHAT DOES A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT DO?

A physician assistant (PA) is a health care provider who is nationally certified and is found in every medical specialty and setting. PAs manage the full scope of patient care, often handling patients with complex medical problems. PAs conduct physical exams, assist in surgery, diagnose and treat illness, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventative health care, and prescribe medications. The role may also include educational, research, and administrative activities as well as clinical responsibilities. PAs are critical members of the health care team, collaborating with physicians and all team members to improve patient outcomes.

For more information about a career as a physician assistant, please contact:

- Michigan Academy of Physician Assistants (MAPA) 1-877-YES-MAPA or www.michiganpa.org
- American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) 703-836-2272 or www.aapa.org.

WHY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES?

"I decided to pursue a career as a physician assistant to care for patients and work as a member of a health care team. The program at WSU provides a diverse clinical experience, with rotations at inner city hospital centers as well as locations in smaller towns and suburbs."

- KATHRYN SELVA FAQIER PUR
Physician Assistant

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WHY WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY?

Wayne State University is one of America's premier urban research universities, with more than 33,000 graduate and undergraduate students. The University provides a multidisciplinary approach to research and education, and collaborates closely with government, industry and other institutions on a range of programs.

The Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (EACPHS) is located on one of the largest academic medical campuses in the United States and puts you in close proximity to the nation's leading health care educators. A degree from the College puts you in good company, with more than 12,000 EACPHS-educated health care professionals working in Michigan.

The Physician Assistant Studies program prepares individuals to become leading members of the health care team with a proven model of training leaders within the profession. Both the classroom and clinical portions of the program reflect a core value to develop highly competent and passionate PAs who are deeply committed to practicing in urban and underserved health care settings. The program has a curriculum of leading medical content experts lecturing to students and facilitating case-based medical education. Our students interact with patients from the start of the program and continuously throughout their educational experience.

HOW DO I APPLY?

The application deadline is **September 1** of each year. The applicant must successfully complete admission requirements. Program admission is competitive and completion of admission requirements does not guarantee an interview or admission into the program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to the WSU PAS Web site (www.pa.cphs.wayne.edu) for complete application information.

- A minimum of 3.0 cumulative and prerequisite GPA.
- All grades in prerequisite requirements must be a minimum of "B" or better (3.0 on a 4.0 grade scale).
- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university earned before the May program start date.
- Completion of all prerequisite coursework by September 1 of the application year.
- A minimum of 500 contact hours of direct, hands-on health care experience in a health service environment completed by September 1 of the application year.
- Submission of the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) WSU PAS application by September 1.
- Submission of the on-line WSU Graduate Application by September 1.
- The general test of the Graduate Records Exam (GRE) taken by July 31 of the application year with a minimum score of 285 combined verbal and quantitative and a 3.5 analytical writing score.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) - required if English is not your first language and you have not completed four years of high school education in the United States. TOEFL scores must be submitted by the application deadline of September 1. See Web page linked above for minimum scores.

PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

- *Human Anatomy - One course
- *Human Physiology - Two courses
(one must be 3000 level or higher)
- *Microbiology & Lab - One course
- *Inorganic Chemistry - One course
- *Biochemistry and/or Organic Chemistry - One course
- Medical Terminology - One course
- Nutrition (human/clinical) - One course
- Developmental Psychology - One course
- Basic Statistics - One course
- English Composition - Two courses

*All designated science courses must have been completed within six years prior to the date of application. A waiver of the six year requirement for a designated course can be requested by the applicant if the applicant's continuous employment history demonstrates knowledge of the content of the course(s).

Interview: Applicants satisfying the minimum requirements will be required to appear for an interview, if selected by the admissions committee, in order to be considered for admission. Completion of admission requirements does not guarantee an interview.



KATHRYN SELVA FAQIER PUR is a Physician Assistant and United States Navy veteran. As she recalls her time at WSU, she notes that "There is no better way to prepare to serve as a PA than from other practicing PAs" and the program provided that with the preceptors that work with students during clinical rotations. The faculty challenge

students while also providing support and encouragement; the variety of their specializations provide a solid, diverse education. In addition to the diverse clinical rotations, Faqier Pur also appreciated the program's location: "Being in the heart of the DMC provided familiarity with the surrounding hospitals." The intensity of the program pays off, and she recognizes the impact physician assistant's have on patient's lives: "Believe me, your patients will thank you."

GENERAL DEADLINES FOR ADMISSION

PROGRAM APPLICATION DUE - September 1

For application information:
<http://cphs.wayne.edu/physician-assistant/>

The PAS Application will be on-line starting in May of every year at www.caspaonline.org.

GRADUATE APPLICATION DUE - September 1

WSU Graduate School Admissions Application:
<http://wayne.edu/admissions/graduate>
Office of Graduate Admissions
5057 Woodward, Suite 6000
Detroit, MI 48202
313-577-GRAD (4723)

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313-577-2100
<http://wayne.edu/financial-aid/>

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