



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 professional who is licensed and practices medicine under the supervision of a physician. His or her job is typically centered on providing patient care, and delivering a broad range of diagnostic, therapeutic, preventive and health maintenance services. It may also include educational, research and administrative activities. Physician assistants work in primary care, or in specialty areas such as medical and surgical practices.

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?

“This is a field where there is a lot of demand for qualified people. In the emergency Department at Henry Ford Hospital Main Campus, about half of our PA staff is composed of Wayne graduates. I think that says a lot about the solid reputation that Wayne’s program has in this area.”

- KEVIN GELTZ

Assistant Professor, 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 the single largest academic medical campus 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 educates and trains individuals to become clinically competent medical professionals prepared to deliver quality patient care in the context of a dynamic health care delivery system. The classroom and clinical portions of the program reflect a fundamental allegiance to develop highly competent and passionate physician assistants who are deeply committed to the practice of medicine in a range of urban and underserved health care settings.

HOW DO I APPLY?

The application deadline is **September 1** of each year. The applicant must successfully complete all admission requirements, including the program application and all supplemental materials. 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 and supplemental materials by September 1.
- The general test of the Graduate Records Exam (GRE), completed by July 31st of the application year.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) - required only 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 1st.

PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

- *Human Anatomy - One course
- *Human Physiology - Two courses (one must be 3000 level or higher)
- *Microbiology (with 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 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 in order to be considered for admission. Completion of admission requirements does not guarantee an interview.



KEVIN GELTZ is an assistant professor and clinical coordinator in the Wayne State physician assistant program, as well as a practicing physician assistant in the emergency department at Henry Ford Hospital. "The Wayne State PA program has an experienced faculty, and that is rounded out by the resources that come from being affiliated with the Wayne State Medical School. That's a real strength of the program," he says. So, too, are the relationships that the program has with a variety of health-care providers in the area, he says. "Those relationships not only give our students exposure to various clinical experiences, but it also allows preceptors to envision the impact the future physician assistant can have within their practice. This working relationship is how most of our students secure a position upon graduation."

GENERAL DEADLINES FOR ADMISSION

PROGRAM APPLICATION DUE - September 1

For a checklist of application requirements:
<http://www.cphs.wayne.edu/program/pa-ms-apply.php>

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

GRADUATE APPLICATION DUE - September 1

The WSU Graduate School Admissions Application is on-line at www.gradadmissions.wayne.edu.

Office of Graduate Admissions
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Financial Aid deadline - January 30
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