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PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT 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 PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT DO?

A Pathologists' Assistant (PA) is a highly trained professional who helps surgical pathologists in preparation, gross description and dissection of human tissue and surgical specimens. The PA will also assist to prepare and perform postmortem examinations and coordinate autopsy activities, including photography, specimen coding and report filing. They properly restore bodies for release to the funeral director and confirm legal authorization for special sampling, such as tissue donation and organ transplantation, and perform administrative duties.

The following organization can provide further information about a career as a Pathologists' Assistant:

- American Association of Pathologists' Assistants (AAPA) 800-532-AAPA
www.pathassist.org

WHY BECOME A PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT?

"The job seems tough at first, but with practice you get better and faster at grossing, autopsy, and time management. WSU's Pathologists' Assistant Program gave me the confidence and skills I use everyday at my job."

- Jason Haas
Pathologists' Assistant

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WHY WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY?

Wayne State University is one of America's premier urban research universities, with more than 28,000 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.

In the Wayne State Pathologist's Assistant program, clinical training is offered in cooperation with the Detroit Medical Center hospitals and the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office. Recent graduates have achieved an excellent pass rate on the national examination and are employed in leading medical centers across the nation. The program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS) and is one of just nine accredited programs in the United States.

HOW DO I APPLY?

The application deadline is **May 1** of each year. The applicant must successfully complete the admission requirements, including application for admission to WSU and the professional program application. Completion of admission requirements does not guarantee an interview or admission into the program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum of 3.0 overall GPA, as well as a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in prerequisite coursework.
- All grades in prerequisite requirements must be a minimum of "C" or better (2.0 on a 4.0 grade scale).
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution by program start.
- General Graduate Record Examination (GRE) exam taken by May 1.
- All science prerequisite coursework must be completed by May 1 of application year. Non-science prerequisite coursework must be completed by the beginning of the professional program.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if English is not your first language. See <http://wayne.edu/admissions/graduate> for English proficiency requirements.
- Applicants must attend at least one information meeting within one year of program application.
- Applicants must have a minimum of three shadowing experiences: two in a pathology gross room setting and one in a medical examiner setting. Note: It is the student's responsibility to locate shadowing experiences.

SCIENCE AND MATH PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

BIO 1500 - Basic Life Diversity
BIO 1510 - Basic Life Mechanisms
BIO 2200 - Introductory Microbiology
BIO 2600 - Cell Biology
BIO 2870 - Anatomy & Physiology
BIO 3070 - Genetics
CHM 1020 - Survey of General Chemistry
CHM 1030 - Survey of Organic/Biochemistry
MAT 1800 - Elementary Functions

Math and science requirements must have been taken within the past six years.

NON-SCIENCE PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

ENG 1020 - Introductory College Writing
ENG 3010 - Intermediate Composition
PHI 2320 - Introduction to Ethics

THE PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT PROGRAM IS ACCREDITED BY:

National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)
5600 N. River Road, Suite 720
Rosemont, IL 60018-5119
773-714-8880
www.naacls.org



Jason Haas is a Pathologists' Assistant at Buffalo Pathologists, Inc., working most often at Buffalo General Hospital. He analyzes a range of specimens from routine biopsies to large cancer cases. He chose WSU's program for its small class size and because it offers its students broad clinical experiences, including rotations at multiple hospitals. He adds, "I think one of the secret gems of WSU is the Medical Examiner rotation; not every school provides access to forensic pathology." The program provides valuable one on one training and easy access to instructors. Haas is glad he pursued both WSU and the profession: "I was able to find a job that was high paying, desirable, and interesting before I graduated."

GENERAL DEADLINES FOR ADMISSION

GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION DUE - May 1

<http://wayne.edu/admissions/graduate>
Office of Graduate Admissions
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Suite 6000
Detroit, MI 48202-0340
www.wayne.edu
313-577-4723

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

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