

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT



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Admit Term:

Fall

Number of Credits:

91

Length of Program:

2 years

Plan of Study:

Full-time

Application Deadline:

December 1st

Where to Apply:

CASPA (caspa.liaisoncas.com)

Program Highlights:

- Curriculum: didactic classroom experiences (traditional and online instruction)
- Interprofessional learning opportunities
- Diverse clinical experiences
- Collaboration with a variety of health care professionals

Introduction

Physician Assistants (PAs) are medical providers who are nationally certified and state licensed to practice medicine as a member of a team with other healthcare professionals. Their specific tasks vary widely due to differences among state laws and hospital policies.

PAs are qualified to obtain patient histories, perform comprehensive physical examinations, order and interpret diagnostic laboratory tests, diagnose, implement a treatment plan for common illnesses, deliver patient education and counseling, perform certain surgical procedures, and provide emergency care. PAs may assist in surgery and deliver pre-operative and post-operative care. PAs may deliver patient care in any setting in which the physician works.

Program Description

The Physician Assistant Science Department at the Ruskin Campus offers a Master of Physician Assistant Science degree available through a post-baccalaureate curriculum. The curriculum is predominantly clinical during the final year of the program. Adjunct regional medical faculty, in conjunction with various health care institutions, provide the students professional physician assistant training. Clinical sites are offered primarily in Florida as well as some locations farther afield. Students are responsible for their own housing and transportation to and from clinical sites.

OUTCOMES/OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the Physician Assistant Program, the student will be able to:

- Perform a complete and accurate history and physical examination; identify abnormal findings and develop an appropriate differential diagnosis
- Develop a plan of evaluation in support of the differential diagnosis, including specialized diagnostic imaging, and pathologic modalities
- Develop a treatment plan consisting of surgical and medical interventions including non-pharmacological modalities such as physical therapy, counseling and patient education through analysis of clinical and laboratory data

- Accurately relate the clinical data to the other members of the health care team, forming a collaborative effort to assure maximal patient benefit through a multiple disciplinary approach
- Show proficiency in performing clinical skills
- Identify characteristics of professional and ethical conduct for the Physician Assistant Profession
- Synthesize theory and research in order to provide advanced care to patients

Application Process

Gannon University and the Physician Assistant Department receive and review applications for the Master of Physician Assistant Science program and all applicant credentials exclusively through the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA), provided by the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA). Full application instructions can be found on the Gannon University – Ruskin, FL profile page.



Deadline for applications is December 1. Applications received after this deadline will be reviewed if space is available in the program.

Admission Requirements

- A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- A minimum 3.0 overall GPA is required
- A minimum 3.0 science course GPA is required
- A minimum 3.0 prerequisite course GPA is required
- Course prerequisites must have been completed within the last ten years
- Recommendation forms from three evaluators
- A personal interview

Prerequisite Course Requirements for entry into the Post-Baccalaureate PA program include (must be completed prior to enrollment):

	Credits
General Chemistry (or above) including 2 credits of lab	8
Human Anatomy*	3
Human Anatomy Lab*	1
Human Physiology*	3
Human Physiology Lab*	1
Genetics (200 level or above)	3
Medical Terminology	1-3
Statistics	3
Microbiology (Medical Preferred)	3
Microbiology Lab	1
Psychology	3

* Anatomy & Physiology 1 and Anatomy & Physiology 2 course and lab sequences are acceptable

Prerequisite courses must be from a regionally accredited college or university. Advanced standing is not granted in the program. No credits are awarded for experiential learning.

Recommended Courses (not required for matriculation into the program):

- Cadaver Anatomy Lab
- Biochemistry
- Organic Chemistry
- Introduction to Pharmacology

Additional Admission Requirements

- Official transcripts
- Personal Resume or Curriculum vitae
- 30 hours of documented volunteer/paid medical experience or 30 hours of shadowing a Physician Assistant – Documentation will need to be provided and signed by a preceptor on organizational letterhead or the Gannon University hours template on CASPA.
- Altus Suite – admissions assessments of non-cognitive skills: All applicants are required to complete Altus Suite as part of the admissions cycle. To complete Altus Suite, visit <https://TakeAltus.com> to create an account and complete the following assessments:
 - Casper: 60-90 minute online, open response situational judgment test (SJT)
 - Snapshot: 10-minute one-way video interview with standardized questions

You will register for the American Professional Health Sciences test (CSP10101) and reserve a test. Specific test dates are assigned each year. Please register as soon as possible and at least one month prior to the December 1st application deadline.

Accreditation

The ARC-PA has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the Gannon University Physician Assistant Program-Ruskin sponsored by Gannon University-Ruskin.

Accreditation-Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program's ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards or when a program holding Accreditation-Provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the Standards as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students.

Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class.

The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at <http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-gannon-university-fl/>.

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Curriculum

The Master of Physician Assistant Science degree will be awarded upon the successful completion of the following 91 credits:

First Year – Fall (18 credits)	Credits
GGPHAS 610 Intro to Physician Assistant	2
GGPHAS 611 Anatomy & Physical Diagnosis I	3
GGPHAS 612 Anatomy & Physical Diagnosis Lab I	1
GGPHAS 621 Physiology & Lab Diagnosis I	2
GGPHAS 623 Pathophysiology & Clin Medicine I	4
GGPHAS 625 Pharmacotherapeutics I	3
GGPHAS 631 Behavioral Medicine	3
First Year - Spring (18 credits)	
GGPHAS 613 Anatomy & Physical Diagnosis II	3
GGPHAS 614 Anatomy & PD Lab II	1
GGPHAS 622 Physiology & Lab Diagnosis II	2
GGPHAS 624 Pathophysiology & Clin Medicine II	4
GGPHAS 626 Pharmacotherapeutics II	2
GGPHAS 632 Problem-Based Medicine	1
GGPHAS 633 Electrocardiogram Lab	1
GGPHAS 634 Pediatrics / Obstetrics / Gynecology	4
First Year – Summer (12 credits)	
GGPHAS 615 Physical Diagnosis III Lab	1
GGPHAS 645 Surgery / Emergency Medicine	3
GGPHAS 646 Business Prac & Current Issues for PAs	2
GGPHAS 647 PRLS Lab	1
GGPHAS 714 Surgery Rotation	5
Second Year – Fall (14 credits)	
GGPHAS 716 Clinical Research	4
GGPHAS 717 Internal Medicine Rotation	5
GGPHAS 718 Pediatrics Rotation	5
Second Year – Spring (15 credits)	
GGPHAS 719 Women's Health Rotation	5
GGPHAS 720 Behavioral Health Rotation	5
GGPHAS 721 Emergency Medicine Rotation	5
Second Year – Summer (14 credits)	
GGPHAS 722 Family Medicine Rotation	5
GGPHAS 723 Elective Rotation	5
GGPHAS 731 Research / Project Guidance	2
GGPHAS 734 Clinical & Professional Capstone	2
Total Credits	91

Please note: All clinical rotations run fall, spring and summer. Rotations are listed in the curriculum sequentially by course number. Student placement in clinical rotations will vary.

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