

MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES



GRADUATE STUDIES



Program Description

The Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS), comprised of didactic education and clinical rotations, prepares students to be effective and collaborative members of a healthcare team. Upon graduation, students will be equipped to sit for the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) to become eligible for licensure and certification through the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). Additional information is available at <https://www.fgcu.edu/mariebcollege/healthsciences/physicianassistantstudies-mpas.aspx>

Admissions Requirements

- FGCU graduate application
- Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) application and fee
- Official academic transcripts from every college or university attended
- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) official scores (FGCU/CASPA School Code 2066)
- GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale in the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework
- Overall minimum GPA 3.0 required for all biology, chemistry and physics courses completed
- Three professional letters of recommendation:
 - One from a Physician Assistant (PA)
 - One from a non-PA clinician (MD, DO or NP)
 - One from a Professor or individual who has worked with the applicant in a professional or educational environment (min of 6 months)
- Minimum of 250 hours of direct patient care
- International students must have a satisfactory score on the TOEFL exam (minimum score of 550 paper-based, 213 computer-based, or 79 internet-based) for students from countries where English is not the primary language
- Interview (by invitation from department)
- Required Immunizations & Tb testing

Satisfaction of minimum University and program requirements does not guarantee admission to a graduate program. Applicants should check with the program for the most up to date admission requirements prior to commencing the application process.

Application Deadlines

Fall – CASPA application cycle is September 1 through Jan 15

Coursework Prerequisites

*Complete these courses within 7 years prior to matriculation

- Biology w/ Lab (4)
- Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II, w Labs (8)*
- General Chemistry I & II, w Labs (8)
- Microbiology, w Lab (4-5)*
- Organic chemistry or biochemistry (3)
- Medical Terminology (3)
- Genetics (3)*

Graduate PA Full-Time Student Cost of Attendance

Semester	Credit Hours	FL Resident	Non FL Resident
Fall 1	17	\$10,393.46	\$26,157.22
Spring 1	14	\$8,559.32	\$21,541.24
Summer 1	9	\$5,502.42	\$13,847.94
Fall 2	10	\$6,113.80	\$15,386.60
Y2/Clinical	40	\$24,445.20	\$61,546.40
Total	90	\$55,024.20	\$138,479.40

Estimate for Textbooks & Medical Equipment	\$4,000
Estimate for Housing & Utilities	\$10,000

The in-state tuition cost for FGCU is \$611.38 per credit hour.

The out-of-state tuition cost for FGCU is \$1,538.66 per credit hour.

Detailed list of required medical equipment with estimated costs, insurance and additional fees available at <https://www.fgcu.edu/mariebcollege/healthsciences/physicianassistantstudies-mpas.aspx#TuitionFeesandFinancialAssistance>

Contact Information

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Program Details

Credit Hours Required in Major – 90 Credit Hours

Program Requirements (90 credits)

PAS 6002 Medical Communication (2)
PAS 6005 Behavioral Medicine (2)
PAS 6010 Clinical Medicine I (4)
PAS 6012 Clinical Integration I (2)
PAS 6013 Evidence-based Medicine (2)
PAS 6017 Clinical Integration II (2)
PAS 6020 Clinical Medicine II (5)
PAS 6021 Public Health (1)
PAS 6022C Gross Anatomy (4)
PAS 6023 Pharmacology I (2)
PAS 6025 Human Physiology (3)
PAS 6026 Pharmacology II (2)
PAS 6030 Diagnostic & Laboratory Study (3)
PAS 6031C Clinical Skills I (3)
PAS 6032C Clinical Skills II (1)
PAS 6033 Clinical Medicine III (2)
PAS 6035 Medical Genetics (2)
PAS 6036C Physical Diagnosis I (2)
PAS 6037C Physical Diagnosis II (2)
PAS 6050 Intro to PA Practice (2)
PAS 6051 Legal & Ethical Issues (2)
PAS 6100 Internal Medicine I (3)
PAS 6101 Internal Medicine II (3)
PAS 6125 Behavioral Health (3)
PAS 6200 Surgery (3)
PAS 6300 Pediatrics (3)
PAS 6400 Primary Care I (3)
PAS 6401 Primary Care II (3)
PAS 6505 Women's Health (3)
PAS 6600 Emergency Medicine (3)
PAS 6935 Seminar (4)
PAS 6940 Selective Rotation I (3)
PAS 6941 Selective Rotation II (3)
PAS 6942 Selective Rotation III (3)

^Above is a brief preview of the program content at the start of the 2019-2020 academic year. Information regarding program requirements and admissions are specific to a student's catalog year. This information is corrected or adjusted as needed. For more details, please review the University Catalog.
<http://www.fgcu.edu/catalog/>

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