

# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

## Degree Offered

Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) degree

## Length of Program

The program requires 28 continuous months of instruction divided into two phases.

**Phase I**, the Didactic Phase, consists of 13 months of basic medical sciences, pre-clinical sciences and professional studies course work. The basic medical and pre-clinical science courses introduce students to the fundamentals of scientific and clinical medicine. The professional studies courses are designed to provide understanding of professionalism, legal aspects of practice, medical ethics, practice-based learning and improvement and systems-based practice.

**Phase II**, the Clinical Education phase, consists of 10 months of **Required** clerkships and 5 months of **Elective** clerkships. The required clerkships are in specific areas of clinical medicine, designed to provide a broad foundation for primary care clinical practice. Elective clerkships may be selected from specialty or primary care areas.

Clerkships are scheduled after mutual collaboration and agreement between the student and the Clinical Coordinator. Assignments to clerkship sites are made after careful consideration of the individual student's educational needs, site availability and the Program's goal for clinical education. These sites are located throughout the state of Nebraska and within many other states in the U.S. Required and elective clerkships may be assigned at any of these affiliated sites. Because of the location of clinical education sites, all applicants accepted into the Program must agree to spend at least three, and up to fifteen months in clerkship sites outside the Omaha and Lincoln metropolitan areas if required to do so by the Program.

## Degree Requirements

Students must receive a passing grade of "C" or better or "Pass" in all courses and maintain an overall quality grade point average of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) or above. Grades of less than "C" are considered as failing within the physician assistant program. Physician assistant education requires the student to demonstrate skills of observation, communication, sensory, intellectual-conceptual, integrative and qualitative abilities, and professionalism. As such, students must successfully meet all of the program's performance standards by passing all laboratory practical examinations and clinical education experiences, in addition to successful completion of didactic work. The standing of a student in any course is determined by the instructor of the course by examinations, laboratory and clinical performance, class participation, written assignments, personal observation, and other methods of evaluation.

**Physician Assistant Website** (<https://www.unmc.edu/alliedhealth/academics/programs/pa/>)

## Admissions & Tuition

### Admissions

The mission of admissions in the College of Allied Health Professions is to advance evidence-based recruitment and admissions practices that are inclusive, equitable and balanced with respect to experiences, attributes and metrics to recruit and admit applicants for the purpose of preparing highly competent, collaborative and compassionate professionals dedicated to improving the health and healthcare of all individuals and communities.

For specific PA admissions, application, and timelines, visit: **Physician Assistant Admissions**.

### Tuition

**UNMC Tuition Guide** (<https://catalog.unmc.edu/general-information/tuition/>)

**Financial Aid Website** (<https://www.unmc.edu/student-success/financial-aid/>)

## Curriculum

### Physician Assistant Plan of Study

#### Phase I - Didactic

##### First Year

Fall		Credit Hours
GCBA 571	STRUCTURE OF THE HUMAN BODY	9
CIP 606	INTERMEDIATE PHYSIOLOGY	6
PHAS 620	PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL ISSUES	1
PMI 690	BIOLOGY OF DISEASE	5
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

##### Spring

MLS 500	APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF CLINICAL LABORATORY DATA	2
PHAR 507	PHARMACOLOGY	5
PHAS 631	APPLIED & INTEGRATED MEDICINE I	6
PHAS 650	ADULT AND PEDIATRIC MEDICINE I	7
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>20</b>

##### Summer

PHAS 636	APPLIED AND INTEGRATED MEDICINE II	4
PHAS 645	BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE	3
PHAS 655	ADULT AND PEDIATRIC MEDICINE II	8
MSCI 704	APPLICATION OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICAL METHODS TO THE ADVANCED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRACTICE	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

**Second Year****Fall**

PHAS 656	ADULT AND PEDIATRIC MEDICINE III	3
MSCI 701	HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS THEORY AND PRACTICE FOR THE ADVANCED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>65</b>

**Phase II - Clinical****Second Year****Fall**

PHAS 700	CLINICAL EDUCATION (see course offerings below)	4
PHAS 700	CLINICAL EDUCATION	4
PHAS 700	CLINICAL EDUCATION	4
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

**Spring**

PHAS 700	CLINICAL EDUCATION (see course offerings below)	4
PHAS 700	CLINICAL EDUCATION	4
PHAS 700	CLINICAL EDUCATION	4
PHAS 700	CLINICAL EDUCATION	4
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

**Summer**

PHAS 700	CLINICAL EDUCATION (see course offerings below)	4
PHAS 700	CLINICAL EDUCATION	4
PHAS 700	CLINICAL EDUCATION	4
PHAS 700	CLINICAL EDUCATION	4
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

**Third Year****Fall**

PHAS 700	CLINICAL EDUCATION (see course offerings below)	4
PHAS 700	CLINICAL EDUCATION	4
PHAS 700	CLINICAL EDUCATION	4
PHAS 799	ADVANCED CLINICAL AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICUM	2
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>58</b>

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**Required Clerkships**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PHAS 702	PSYCHIATRY CLERKSHIP	4
PHAS 703	INTERNAL MEDICINE CLERKSHIP	4

PHAS 704	PEDIATRIC CLERKSHIP	4
PHAS 705	WOMEN'S HEALTH CLERKSHIP	4
PHAS 706	SURGERY CLERKSHIP	4
PHAS 707A	FAMILY MEDICINE A CLERKSHIP	4
PHAS 707B	FAMILY MEDICINE B CLERKSHIP	4
PHAS 707C	PRIMARY CARE CLERKSHIP	4
PHAS 708	EMERGENCY MEDICINE CLERKSHIP	4

**Elective Clerkships**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PHAS 721	CARDIOLOGY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 722	ENDOCRINOLOGY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 723	GASTROENTEROLOGY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 724	INFECTIOUS DISEASE ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 725	NEPHROLOGY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 726	ONCOLOGY / HEMATOLOGY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 727	PULMONARY MEDICINE ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 728	RHEUMATOLOGY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 729	CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 731	NEUROSURGERY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 732	ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 733	ORTHOPEDIC SPORTS MEDICINE ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 734	SURGERY SUBSPECIALTY CLERKSHIP	4
PHAS 735	ORTHOPEDIC SPINE SURGERY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 736	PLASTIC SURGERY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 737	UROLOGY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 739	ALLERGY/IMMUNOLOGY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 740	PAIN MANAGEMENT ELECTIVE CLERKSHIP	4
PHAS 741	COMPLEMENTARY & ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 742	DERMATOLOGY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 743	INFERTILITY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 744	INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 745	NEONATAL ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 746	NEUROLOGY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 748	OPHTHALMOLOGY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 749	OTOLARYNGOLOGY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 751	REHABILITATION ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 754	RADIOLOGY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 755	PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 757	PEDIATRIC ORTHOPEDIC ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 758	HOSPITAL MEDICINE ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 759	TRAUMA SURGERY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 771	PRIMARY CARE ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 772	PSYCHIATRY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 773	INTERNAL MEDICINE ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 774	PEDIATRIC ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 775	OB/GYN ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 776	SURGERY ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 777	FAMILY MEDICINE ELECTIVE	4

PHAS 778	EMERGENCY MEDICINE ELECTIVE	4
PHAS 779	GERIATRICS ELECTIVE	4

**Total Program Semester Hours - 123**

**Total Number of Months - 28**

**Physician Assistant Website**