

School of Health Sciences

Graduate Pathway Plan

MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES (MSPAS)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) Program is a full-time, 27-month program in Pacific's School of Health Sciences. The PA program provides students with numerous opportunities for interprofessional education through student clinical training experiences at community hospitals and clinics and involvement with Pacific's highly-regarded health-related programs.

During the first year, students build a strong academic foundation of medical knowledge in preparation for clinical training. The clinical education portion of the program consists of 11 clinical rotations in various healthcare settings (eight core rotations and three elective rotations), each four weeks long. Students have the option to choose a specialty pathway for elective courses.

STARTING TERM:

SPRING

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

AUGUST 1

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Minimum Cumulative GPA 3.0 and Science GPA, as calculated by CASPA.
- 2) Completion of all required prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of C. AP/CLEP not accepted for science courses.
- 3) Minimum of 1000 hours of completed qualifying patient care experience (PCE) at the time of application. (see PA webpage for qualifying PCE)
- 4) Baccalaureate degree conferred and showing on the transcript at the time of application.
- 5) Completed/verified CASPA Application by the published application deadline

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PREREQUISITE COURSES:

UOP COURSE ID:	SUBJECT AREA
CHEM 024, 025, 027, 121, 123, 141, 151, 153, 157, 158, 158	GENERAL CHEMISTRY (SELECT TWO (2) COURSES)
BIO 051, 061, 072, 101, 122, 126, 128, 152, 153	BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (SELECT TWO (2) COURSES)
BIO 170	ANATOMY
BIO 180	PHYSIOLOGY
BIO 145	MICROBIOLOGY
MATH 035 <u>OR</u> MATH 037	STATISTICS
PSYC 017, 031, 039, 053, OR 069	PSYCHOLOGY
CORE 002, ENG 025, 041, 043, 053, 063, 107, 109, 111, 128, 131, 133, 135	ENGLISH COMPOSITION (SELECT TWO (2) COURSES)

Four-Year MSPAS Preparation Plan

This four-year plan will strengthen your preparation for and success in the MSPAS program as well as enhance the depth, focus, and quality of your Pacific undergraduate experience.

	Academic Program Planning	Make Community Connections	Build Cultural Competence	Gain Career Experience	Post-Graduation Prep
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Establish a preliminary course plan with your academic advisor. - Learn about Pathway Program support services. - Start building relationships with faculty and staff in your department. - Join at least one high-impact practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Join a health-related student club/ organization. -Visit Pacific Volunteer Center to find volunteer opportunities. - Arrange an informal interview with a health professional in the field of your interest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Join a culturally-engaging campus or community group. -Attend a study abroad info session to learn about study abroad opportunities. - Participate in events sponsored by the Office of DEI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Meet your Career Services Pre-Health advisor. - Take a career assessment test. - Develop your professional resume. -Set up a Handshake account. - Shadow 1-2 health professionals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Learn about MSPAS program admission requirements. - Attend an MSPAS information session and grad fair to get initial contact with program. -Set up a LinkedIn account.
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Academic plan check-in with your academic advisor. -Discuss research interests and opportunities with your academic advisor. - Join at least one high-impact practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Look for a service-learning course or continue volunteering at a local non-profit organization. -Seek a leadership role in a student club/ organization. - Join an academic or social fraternity/ sorority. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Participate in cross-cultural development experiences on campus and/ or in the local community (cultural holiday observances/ festivals, campus affinity group workshops, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet with your Career Services Pre-Health Advisor. -Begin PA job shadowing/ observation hours. - Get a summer internship or job in the health care field. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend a graduate school fair at Pacific. - Research CASPA school application requirements and processes. -Visit PA program facilities and talk with faculty and grad admission staff.
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Academic plan check-in with academic advisor. -Join an undergraduate research project. - Join at least one high-impact practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seek a president/ vice-president-level leadership role in a student club. - Plan club/ community events that align with your personal goals. - Become involved in mentoring in your student club or volunteer organizations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Participate in additional cross-cultural development experiences on campus and/ or in the local community (cultural holiday observances/ festivals, campus affinity group workshops, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet with your Career Services Pre-Health Advisor. -Continue PA job shadowing/ observation hours. -Attend a professional PA conference or workshop event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Network with current graduate students in the PA program. - Pre-select faculty and employer recommenders for your graduate application. - Review MPAS matriculant data, noted on the website, to determine if you would be a competitive applicant before applying.
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Graduation check with academic advisor. -Continue involvement in at least one high-impact practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Connect with the admission counselor for the graduate program you're applying for. -Continue leadership and mentoring roles in your student club/ volunteer organization. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participate in a cultural competency, anti-racism, or DEI training/course. - Participate in events sponsored by the Office of DEI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Update your resume and participate in Career Center workshops (mock interviews, cover letter writing, etc.) - Continue gaining PA observation hours. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend a CASPA application workshop. Complete your CASPA application. - Attend a PA program information session. - Attend a Graduate Financial Aid workshop. - Complete an updated FAFSA form.