

**Master of Physician Assistant Studies Degree Program
Curriculum**

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MPAS 206. Professional Aspects of Healthcare. 4 Units.

This course advances the student's understanding of the professional aspects and business of healthcare to promote a comprehensive patient-centered approach to care. The course investigates the non-clinical roles of physician assistants. This course explores theories of teaching and learning applicable to patient education within clinical practice and health sciences education. This course explores various leadership styles related to organizational, educational, and clinical leadership. This course prepare


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MPAS 231. Professional Practice and the Health System I. 1 Unit.

This is the first of a three-semester course that explores the healthcare system from a professional, legal, economic and patient care perspective. This semester includes the history and status of the PA profession and professional organizations, the physician-PA team relationship, PA scope of practice and legal regulations. An introduction to healthcare delivery systems, health policy, and related governmental agencies. Exploration of team based patient care through interprofessional education activities.

MPAS 232. Professional Practice and the Health System II. 1 Unit.

This is the second of a three-semester course that explores today's healthcare system from a



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presents the concepts in an organ system and discipline specific approach congruent with Clinical Medicine. Case based discussions emphasize clinical reasoning through knowledge integration and application. Organ system and discipline specific procedures are covered.

MPAS 245. Primary Care/Behavioral and Mental Health. 4 Units.

Students are placed in an outpatient and/or inpatient setting with a family practitioner, internist, psychiatrist and/or other healthcare provider specializing in behavioral health to obtain exposure to behavioral health care.

MPAS 255. Internal Medicine. 4 Units.

Students are placed in an outpatient, inpatient and/or long-term care setting to obtain exposure to primary care and chronic disease management.

MPAS 265. Surgery. 4 Units.

Students are placed with general surgeons and/or surgical specialists to obtain exposure to surgical principles. Student will obtain intraoperative experience during this rotation. Pre- and post-operative care concepts may be addressed in this rotation or any other rotation.

MPAS 275. Emergency Medicine. 4 Units.

Students will be placed in a hospital-based emergency room to gain exposure to acute, urgent and emergent care.

MPAS 285. General Elective I. 4 Units.

Elective experiences may be clinical or non-clinical. Rotations may occur in any healthcare setting and in any field in which PAs practice within the state where the practice is located. The level of student involvement may vary based on discipline. Students in good academic standing will be able to complete elective rotations in a desired specialty area, if available. Non-clinical elective rotations, such as education, healthcare administration, and international PA practice, may be requested as PAs are involved in all aspects of healthcare, including roles outside direct patient care. Elective rotations may include remote, telemedicine, synchronous, or asynchronous learning activities outside direct patient care. The Program reserves the right to utilize elective rotations in the student's best interest to address knowledge or skill deficiencies.

