

Master of Science in

Physician Assistant

Become a patient-centered healthcare provider in the Physician Assistant Institute (PAI)

As our aging populations grow and more people gain access to healthcare, the demand for skilled healthcare professionals grows as well. Physician Assistants (PAs) collaborate with doctors, nurses, and other medical providers to create well-rounded healthcare teams, providing primary care and specialty care to patients of all ages and demographics. When you become a PA, you'll play a crucial role in promoting health and preventing illness in your community. The best part? PAs enjoy greater flexibility and work-life balance than their medical counterparts, all while earning a competitive salary and experiencing career growth.

UB's Physician Assistant Institute

Discover your path to becoming a compassionate and skilled healthcare professional at UB's Physician Assistant Institute. With a dynamic curriculum designed to cultivate clinical expertise and didactic knowledge, our program empowers you to make a meaningful impact in healthcare. Our PAI offers state-of-the-art facilities and hands-on experiences in diverse clinical settings. Led by licensed and board-certified faculty and practicing clinicians dedicated to student success, UB provides a supportive learning environment that prioritizes individual growth and professional development.

Didactic and clinical training

This 28-month program is divided into two phases: the didactic and clinical phases. During your didactic phase, you'll master basic medical sciences, clinical medicine, clinical skills, global and public health, patient education and counseling, and more. When you begin your clinical phase, you'll complete core clerkships in internal medicine, general surgery, pediatrics, emergency medicine, family medicine, behavioral health, and obstetrics/gynecology. You'll also complete an elective and special populations selective clinical clerkship.

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Curriculum

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MSPA 565 Integrative Medicine and Practice	3
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MSPA 575 Global Health and Preventative Medicine	2
Term 2 Total credits: 20	
MSPA 512 Anatomy II with Lab	3
MSPA 522 Physiology II	3
MSPA 530 Clinical Medicine II	6
MSPA 534 Correlative Medicine I	2
MSPA 552 History and Physical Exam II with Lab	3
MSPA 581 Pharmacology I	3
Term 3 Total credits: 19	
MSPA 533 Clinical Medicine III	8
MSPA 542 Correlative Medicine II	2
MSPA 556 Patient Education, Nutrition and Counsel	ling 2
MSPA 574 Medical Ethics & Professional Practice	2
MSPA 582 Pharmacology II	3
MSPA 591 Technical Skills with Lab	2
Term 4 Total credits: 13	
MSPA 602 Information Literacy and Medical Writin	g 2
MSPA 610 Clinical Seminar	4.5
MSPA 622 Internal Medicine Clerkship	4.5
MSPA 671 Research Methods	2
Term 5 Total credits: 17.5	
MSPA 623 Pediatrics Clerkship	4.5
MSPA 624 Surgery Clerkship	4.5
MSPA 625 Emergency Medicine Clerkship	4.5
MSPA 661 Capstone Project I	4
Term 6 Total creedits: 13.5	
MSPA 626 Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship	4.5
MSPA 627 Family Medicine Clerkship	4.5
MSPA 628 Behavioral Health Clerkship	4.5
Term 7 Total credits: 12	
MSPA 629 Elective Clerkship	4.5
MSPA 630 Special Populations Selective Clerkship	4.5
MSPA 662 Capstone Project II	2
MSPA 695 Graduate Practice Logistics	1

Admission requirements

Please submit all materials below to the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA). No applications or supplemental materials will be accepted by University of Bridgeport directly. The application deadline is August 1. To ensure an application is verified on time, the application should be completed at least four weeks before the deadline. Required documents include:

- Application
- · Official transcripts from all schools attended
- Three letters of recommendation
 - Preferred sources include a clinical supervisor, a healthcare provider with whom you have had a professional relationship, an academic professor, or an employer
- CASPA personal statement
- Supplemental essays for University of Bridgeport
- Document duties for patient care experiences and health care experiences accurately and in detail. Adequate clinical hours must be submitted at the time of application. Hours earned after submission of the application will not be reviewed.
- All admitted students will be subject to a background check and drug screen conducted by a secure third party prior to enrollment
- Interview by invitation only

View all courses offered and read full course descriptions in our course catalog (www.bridgeport.edu/academics/course-catalog).

The University of Bridgeport is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education. The University also is accredited by the Connecticut Office of Higher Education.

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