



KETTERING COLLEGE OF MEDICAL ARTS

Physician Assistant Studies

Master's degree



career info

A physician assistant (PA) is a mid-level practitioner who acts as an extension of the physician in making diagnoses and treating patients on a basic level, so that the physician has more time to take care of the more seriously ill patients. The choice to pursue a PA career depends on what level of responsibility a person wants and what kind of interaction he or she wants with a patient. The PA and physician practice together as a team based on mutual respect. PAs represent the physician by treating patients in the manner directed by the supervising physician.

**Physician assistant
application deadline:**

**October 1 via
CASPAonline.org**

About the Degree

The Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree at Kettering College is a clinically based program that provides the academic and clinical education necessary to become competent practicing physician assistants.

Accreditation/Professional Association

The physician assistant program at Kettering College is accredited through the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant and the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The physician assistant program is also an active member of the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA).

ADMISSION BASICS

Applicants who are not pre-PA students at KCMA or enrolled in the Bachelor of Science human biology major accelerated curriculum must apply through Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) at www.caspaonline.org. Applications must be received by CASPA no later than Oct. 1 of the year prior to matriculation. KCMA human biology students applying for the accelerated curriculum will apply to the College as mentioned under "Special Admission Requirements" in the MPAS section of the *KCMA Academic Bulletin*.

Applicants must meet the following requirements to be considered for admission into the PA program at Kettering College:

- 1. Degree:** Completion of a bachelor's degree and prerequisite courses from a regionally accredited institution OR enrollment in KCMA BS degree, human biology major.
- 2. Prerequisite courses:** Completion must be at a regionally accredited college or university; prerequisite courses may be in process at the time of application (see back for requirements).
- 3. Verification of prerequisite course completion:** See MPAS section of *KCMA Academic Bulletin*.
- 4. Technical standards:** See MPAS section of *KCMA Academic Bulletin*.
- 5. GPA:** Applicants must present transcripts reflecting a GPA of 3.00 for natural science prerequisites AND a 3.00 among all prerequisite courses.
- 6. Health care experience:** It is highly suggested that applicants have 1,000 hours of experience. See MPAS section of *KCMA Academic Bulletin* for more information.
- 7. Communication skills:** Applicants must demonstrate strong written and oral communication skills. Written communication skills will be determined from an essay; oral communication skills will be determined during the interview process, which is by invitation only.
- 8. College admission:** Applicants must meet all other requirements for admission to KCMA.
- 9. Pre-enrollment notes:**
 - a. Admitted students must have current CPR certification completed prior to the beginning of the first fall semester of the program.
 - b. A criminal background check is required prior to beginning clinical rotations in certain locations.
 - c. A felony or misdemeanor conviction may result in denial to participate in clinical rotations and/or rejection by professional certification agencies and state licensure boards.

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PREREQUISITE COURSES

49 total credits required

Natural Sciences

(All must include lab component except biochemistry; see below):

Inorganic chemistry	8 credits
Organic chemistry	8 credits
Biochemistry (lab preferred)	4 credits
Human anatomy and physiology	8 credits
Microbiology	4 credits
Biology	8 credits

TOTAL **40 science credits**

Note: Natural science courses need to have been taken within 10 years of date of application; if older than 10 years, please consult the PA department chair.

Other prerequisites

Psychology	3 credits
Life span development	3 credits
Statistics	3 credits

TOTAL **9 credits**

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES PROGRAM OF STUDY

Note: To progress from the summer semester to the fall semester, official record of degree and/or prerequisite requirements must have been documented in the college admissions office prior to the end of the summer semester.

Summer before first year

PHAS 500	Introduction to the PA Profession	1
PHAS 503	Applied Pathophysiology	3
PHAS 504	Applied Sectional Anatomy	4
PHAS 505	Introduction to Medical Learning	1
REL 315	Spirituality in Healing and Health Care	2
TOTAL		11



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First year

		Semester hours by term		
		Fall	Winter	Summer
PHAS 510	Medical History/Physical Exam I	4		
PHAS 520	Principles of Clinical Medicine I	6		
PHAS 530	Pharmacology and Therapeutics I	3		
PHAS 546	Clinical and Diagnostic Studies	3		
PHAS 547	Medical Procedures	2		
REL 253	Morality and Medicine	2		
PHAS 515	Medical History/Physical Exam II		4	
PHAS 525	Principles of Clinical Medicine II		6	
PHAS 535	Pharmacology and Therapeutics II		3	
PHAS 550	Behavioral Medicine		3	
PHAS 553	Clinical Genetics		2	
PHAS 563	Geriatrics		1	
PHAS 543	Clinical Case Studies in Faith, Diversity & Ethics		2	
PHAS 556	Emergency Medicine			3
PHAS 540	Pharmacology and Therapeutics III			2
PHAS 561	Pediatrics			2
PHAS 562	Women's Health			2
PHAS 565	Principles of Surgery			2
PHAS 568	Research Methods			3
TOTAL		20	21	14

Second year

		Semester hours by term		
		Fall	Winter	Summer
PHAS 600	Seminar in PA Professional Development	1		
PHAS 605	NCCPA Board Review I	1		
PHAS 620	Clinical Rotation	2.5		
PHAS 621	Clinical Rotation	2.5		
PHAS 622	Clinical Rotation	2.5		
PHAS 623	Clinical Rotation	2.5		
PHAS 615	OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Exam)		1	
PHAS 610	NCCPA Board Review II		1	
PHAS 624	Clinical Rotation		2.5	
PHAS 625	Clinical Rotation		2.5	
PHAS 626	Clinical Rotation		2.5	
PHAS 627	Clinical Rotation		2.5	
PHAS 628	Clinical Rotation			2.5
PHAS 629	Clinical Rotation			2.5
- OR -				
PHAS 630	International rotation			2.5
PHAS 640	Capstone Project			2
PHAS 611	NCCPA Board Review III			1
TOTAL		12	12	8
TOTAL CREDITS FOR DEGREE				98