

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES, M.P.A.S.

Master of Physician Assistant Studies

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Master of Physician Assistant Studies Program Information

The Master of Physician Assistant Studies (M.P.A.S.) degree is a nationally accredited coursework-based graduate program, designed to educate generalist medical providers who are eligible for the national certification exam and qualify for PA licensure in Manitoba.

Admission Information

Admission to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Application and Admission Procedures are found in the Academic Guide (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/application-admission-registration-policies/>).

Admission requirements for Master's students are found in the Master's Degrees General Regulations (https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/masters-degrees-general-regulations/#Admission_FGSMasters) section of the Guide.

M.P.A.S. Admission Requirements

This program is open to Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada who are graduates of four-year bachelor's degrees from recognized colleges and universities, with a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 in the most recent 60-credit hours of study (full time or part-time study). Note that a GPA of 3.5 or better is competitive.

Completion of the required courses, Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Biochemistry, from an accredited university or college, is required. Undergraduate level asset courses include Microbiology and Psychology. All courses require at least three credit hours each for consideration.

MPAS uses the Multiple-Mini Interview (MMI) Panel Interview and a Written Essay as part of the selection process for candidates. The program also requires Situational Judgement Testing (e.g., Canadian Professional Health Sciences CASPer test).

On enrolment, accepted students must be eligible for the Educational Register with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba (<http://cpsm.mb.ca/>).

Application Information

Students should complete and submit their online application with supporting documentation by the date indicated on the M.P.A.S. program of study (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/master-physician-assistant-studies-mpas/>) page.

Degree Requirements

The MPAS is a two year program. The first year consists of 56 credit hours of coursework, delivered in three semesters from September - July as a combination of lecture, clinical skills training, and seminars. The second year includes 30 credit hours (48 weeks) of core clinical rotations. All courses are required major courses, and students must maintain full-time registration throughout the Program.

Expected Time to Graduate: 26 months inclusive of the National Certification Examination

Progression Chart

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Academic		
PHAC 7230	Fundamental in Pharmacology for Health Care I	3
PAEP 7000	Physiology and Pathophysiology for Physician Assistants	3
PAEP 7010	Human Anatomy for Physician Assistants	3
PAEP 7030	Professional Studies of Physician Assistants	3
PAEP 7042	Biochemistry for Physician Assistants	1
PAEP 7045	Research and Clinical Practice for Physician Assistants	1
PAEP 7052	Patient Assessment for Physician Assistants I	2
PAEP 7084	Microbiology for Physician Assistants	1
Curriculum Integration		
PHAC 7240	Fundamentals in Pharmacology for Health Care II	3
PAEP 7002	Physiology and Pathophysiology for Physician Assistants II	3
PAEP 7054	Patient Assessment for Physician Assistants II	2
PAEP 7090	Principles of Psychiatry for Physician Assistants	3
PAEP 7068	Adult Medicine for Physician Assistants 1	6
PAEP 7110	Emergency and Critical Care for Physician Assistants	3
Early Exposure		
Curriculum Integration		
PAEP 7046	Genetics for Physician Assistants	1
PAEP 7082	Diagnostic Imaging for Physician Assistants	1
PAEP 7050	Obstetrics and Gynecology for Physician Assistants	3
PAEP 7056	Patient Assessment for Physician Assistants III	2

PAEP 7100	Principles of Surgery for Physician Assistants	3
PAEP 7078	Adult Medicine for Physician Assistants II	6
PAEP 7048	Pediatrics for Physician Assistants	3
PAEP 7150	Year 1 Comprehensive Examination (Pass/Fail)	0
Procedures Lab		0
Early Exposure		0
Curriculum Integration		0
Hours		56
Year 2		
Clinical Rotations		
PAEP 7202	Family Medicine for Physician Assistants	6
PAEP 7210	Clinical Internal Medicine for Physician Assistants	3
PAEP 7220	Clinical Surgery for Physician Assistants	3
PAEP 7240	Clinical Pediatrics for Physician Assistants	3
PAEP 7250	Clinical Psychiatry for Physician Assistants	3
PAEP 7260	Community Health for Physician Assistants	3
PAEP 7270	Clinical Emergency Medicine for Physician Assistants	3
PAEP 7280	Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology for Physician Assistants	3
PAEP 7204	Clinical Elective for Physician Assistants I	1.5
PAEP 7206	Clinical Elective for Physician Assistants II	1.5
PAEP 7300	Comprehensive Assessment of Clinical Skills	0
PAEP 7350	PAEP Final Project	0
PAEP 7212	External Electives for Physician Assistant Students	0
Hours		30
Total Hours		86

a graduate student must acquire in order to gain, and demonstrate acquisition of, essential knowledge and skills.

All students must successfully complete:

- GRAD 7300 prior to applying to any ethics boards which are appropriate to the student's research or within the student's first year, whichever comes first; and
- GRAD 7500 within the first term of registration;

unless these courses have been completed previously, as per Mandatory Academic Integrity Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7500>) and Mandatory Research Integrity Online Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7300>).

Students must also meet additional BFAR requirements (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/student-experience/core-academic-requirements/#additional-requirements-by-program>) that may be specified for their program.

General Regulations

All students must:

- maintain a minimum degree grade point average of 3.0 with no grade below C+,
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum course requirements, and
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum time requirements (in terms of time in program and lapse or expiration of credit of courses).

Registration Information

Students should familiarize themselves with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies 'GRAD' courses applicable to their program (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/registration-information/>). If you have questions about which GRAD course(s) to register in, please consult your home department/unit.

Regulations

Students must meet the requirements as outlined in both Supplementary Regulation and BFAR documents as approved by Senate.

Supplementary Regulations

Individual units may require specific requirements above and beyond those of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, and students should consult unit supplementary regulations (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/supplementary-regulations/>) for these specific regulations.

Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR)

Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR) (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#BFAR>) represent the core academic requirements