

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH
COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE**

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Physician Assistants (PA's) practice medicine with supervision by licensed physicians in the United States. PA's practice a wide variety of medical specialties from family practice to cardiovascular surgery. Their duties depend on the type of practice, their education and experience, the relationship with the physician supervisor and other health care providers. There are also state laws that regulate PA's.

The typical PA program is 24-25 months long. It requires at least two years of college and some health care experience prior to program admission. The two years of PA training is similar to two years of medical school. The majority of PA students already have a BA/BS degree and four years of healthcare experience (e.g. nurses, paramedics, and emergency medical technician) before admission to a PA program. Students interested in a PA program should contact the school at which they intend to complete the PA program as soon as possible in their academic or healthcare careers.

The following is a typical physician assistants' study program:

	Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
FR	Biology 111	2	credits	Biology 105	4	credits
	Math (as needed)	2-4		Chemistry 105	5	
	English 188/101	3		Math (as needed)	2-4	
	Psychology 101	3		Speech 111	3	
	Philosophy 105 (Ethics)	3				
	Total 13-15			Total 14-16		
SO	Biology 230 or 231	4	credits	Biology 231 or 230	4	credits
	Chemistry 106	5		Chemistry 235	4	
	History	3		Math (Calc or Stat)	3-4	
	Math (as needed)	2-4		English Lit	3	
		Total 14-16			Total 14-15	
JR	Biology 323	3		Biology 319 or 343	4-5	credits
	Chemistry 335	4		Physics 107	5	
	English (Adv Comp)	3		Sociology 101	3	
	Gen Ed	3		Gen Ed	3	
	Phy Ed	2				
	Total 15			Total 15-16		
SR	Biology 319 or 343	4-5	credits	Biology 308 or 309	5	credits
	Chemistry 221 (optional- creates a minor)	4		Biology 491	2	
	Biology 349	3		Gen Ed	3	
	Gen Ed	3		Gen Ed	3	
		Total 14-15			Total 13	

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAMS
Selected Midwestern States

ILLINOIS

Southern Illinois University
618/453-1151
www.siu.edu
Awards: certificate; bachelor's degree

Cook County Hospital/Malcolm X College
312/850-7255
Awards: certificate; associate degree

Finch University of Health Sciences/ The
Chicago Medical School
847/578-3312
Awards: master's degree

Midwestern University
800/458-6253
Awards: bachelor's and master's degrees

University of Saint Francis
219/434-3279
Awards: bachelor's degree

WISCONSIN

Marquette University
414/288-5688
www.mu.edu
Awards: master's degree (provisional
accreditation)

University of Wisconsin LaCrosse
Gunderson Medical Foundation/Mayo School
of Health Related Sciences
608/785-6620
www.uwlax.edu
Awards: certificate; bachelor's degree

INDIANA

Butler University/Methodist Hospital
317/940-9969
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Awards: certificate; bachelor's degree

University of Wisconsin Madison
608/263-5620
www.wisc.edu
Awards: certificate; bachelor's degree

For more information on the PA profession and a listing of all PA programs and their individual prerequisites contact:

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