



Earn your MS in
as few as 28 months
full time



Develop the didactic
and clinical knowledge
you need for a rewarding
healthcare career

Complete

7+

clinical clerkships to
dive deeper into more
areas of medical care

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

Term 1 Total credits: 18		
MSPA 511	Anatomy I with Lab	3
MSPA 521	Physiology I	3
MSPA 529	Clinical Medicine I	5
MSPA 551	History and Physical Exam I with Lab	3
MSPA 565	Integrative Medicine and Practice	2
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 Counseling	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 Writing	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 credits: 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
- A minimum of 1000 patient care hours is required at the time of application
- Only one prerequisite course can be in progress at the time of application
- Please note that all applications must be verified by CASPA by the August 1st deadline to be considered for review by our admissions team