



## UAB PA: You Deserve More

The **UAB Physician Assistant Studies** program provides intense didactic and clinical experiences in primary care, medicine and surgery.

Additionally, our program offers a cadaveric dissection and a live lab to provide a practical, hands-on experience to strengthen the surgical component of our core curriculum.

Students in the PA program have an opportunity to study within the UAB Health System, and the chance to complete clinical rotations in emergency medicine, primary care, trauma, critical care, and surgery at clinical sites within and surrounding the Birmingham area. Graduates of our 27-month program earn a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS) degree.

## Application Process

Applications accepted through the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) at [caspa.liasoncas.com](https://caspa.liasoncas.com). Processing begins May 1 for the following academic year.

**DEADLINE:** August 1

### REQUIREMENTS:

- BA or BS Degree
- GRE Required
- Min. cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Min. overall science GPA of 3.0
- Min. cumulative GPA of 3.0 in prerequisites
- TOEFL for Int'l students whose native language is not English
- Three evaluations/letters of recommendation
- Interview with faculty

### ALL STUDENTS MUST:

- Have proof of health insurance [uab.edu/studenthealth](https://uab.edu/studenthealth)
- Complete required immunizations
- Background Check & drug screening required by end of first semester of enrollment
- Complete additional screenings prior to clinical rotation placement

## Contact Information

### UAB DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL AND DIAGNOSTIC SCIENCES

Admissions Office

437 School of Health Professions Building  
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205.934.3209 • [AskCDS@uab.edu](mailto:AskCDS@uab.edu)



## Prerequisite Courses

(UAB or other institution)

COURSES		SEM HRS
BY 123 & BY 124	Biology 1 & 2 for science majors	8
BY 261 or BY 271	Microbiology (lab preferred)	3-4
BY 115	Human Anatomy	4
BY 116 or BY 409	Human Physiology	4
CH 105, 106, 107	General Chemistry (lab preferred) or CH 115, 116, 117, & 118	8
HCM 360	Statistics or PY 216, PY 216L, MA 180	3-4
PY 101	Psychology (general)	3
PY 212, PY 218	Psychology (abnormal or developmental)	3

## Paying for College

[uab.edu/students/paying-for-college/detailed-tuition-and-fees](http://uab.edu/students/paying-for-college/detailed-tuition-and-fees)

### Financial Aid

Students should apply for financial aid if they need assistance paying for college. Financial aid is awarded on an annual basis. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually. The application can be found at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov).

Instructions and UAB forms are available at [uab.edu/students/paying-for-college](http://uab.edu/students/paying-for-college).

### UAB School of Health Professions Scholarships

Log in to UAB's Blazer Scholarship Management and Resource Tool, BSMART, at [uab.edu/bsmart](http://uab.edu/bsmart).

Students majoring in programs within the School of Health Professions will be notified of award opportunities via email, each semester.

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For more information, contact:

**School of Health Professions, Office of Student Recruitment, Engagement and Success**

[shp@uab.edu](mailto:shp@uab.edu) or 205-934-4195

**School of Health Professions Building (SHPB) 230**

Many degree programs in the School of Health Professions lead to licensure or professional certification. Requirements for licensure or certification may vary by state, even within a profession. Information about such requirements is available from the UAB State Authorization officer at [stateauth@uab.edu](mailto:stateauth@uab.edu) or (205) 934-3258.

The Physician Assistant Program is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA)

## PA Didactic Curriculum

(4 Semesters)

COURSES		SEM HRS
<b>Fall I (15 Hours)</b>		
CDS 505	Professional Skills Development	1
PA 601	Human Gross Anatomy and Lab	4
PA 602	Medical Physiology	4
PA 605	Clinical Pathology	3
PA 610	Clinical Laboratory Medicine	3
PA 615	Introduction to the Profession	1
<b>Spring I (19 Hours)</b>		
PA 603	Pharmacology I	3
PA 606	Clinical Medicine I	6
PA 608	Surgical Disease I	3
PA 611	History and Physical Examination	3
PA 613	Surgical Techniques	3
PA 616	Electrocardiography	1
<b>Summer I (14 Hours)</b>		
HCM 530	Health Care Delivery and Reimbursement	3
CDS 535	Medical Genetics Across the Lifespan	1
PA 609	Surgical Diseases II	3
PA 614	Operating Room Techniques	2
PA 618	Risk Management	1
PA 619	Fundamentals of Clinical Research	3
<b>Fall II (17 Hours)</b>		
PA 604	Pharmacology II	3
PA 607	Clinical Medicine II	6
PA 617	Applied Behavioral Medicine	3
PA 620	Analysis of Professional Literature	2
PA 634	Simulated Clinical Concepts	1
PA 635	Special Populations in Medicine	2

## PA Clinical Curriculum

(3 Semesters)

COURSES	SEM HRS
<b>Spring II/Summer II/Fall III</b>	
Clinical Service*	44
Senior Seminar	5
Presentation of Research Project	1

\*Series of courses for Clinical Services

UAB is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award degrees at the baccalaureate, master's, specialist, and doctoral levels.

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UAB is committed to providing an accessible learning experience for all students. If you are a student with a disability that qualifies under Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and you require accommodations, please contact Disability Support Services for information on accommodations, registration and procedures. Call 205 934-4205 or visit [uab.edu/dss](http://uab.edu/dss).