

# Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies



## UAB PA: You Deserve More

The UAB Physician Assistant Studies program is ranked 16th in the nation. Being a part of it means more for you. More growth. More demand. More opportunities.

**More Growth:** Our program will increase the number of students accepted by 50 percent through 2018. More openings for you.

**More Demand:** Our program's first-time pass rate for the PANCE exam is 98% over the last five years. This is higher than the national average. More demand for you.

**More Opportunities:** We offer clinical hours in primary care, trauma, critical care, emergency medicine and surgery. More hands-on experience for you.

**Choose UAB. Become a PA. Examine patients.  
Prescribe treatments. Save lives.**

## Application Process

Applications only accepted through Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA). Processing for following academic year begins May 1 at <https://caspa.liaisoncas.com>.

**DEADLINE:** August 1

### REQUIREMENTS:

- BA or BS degree
- Meet all graduate school requirements

### ALL STUDENTS MUST:

- Have personal insurance coverage [uab.edu/studenthealth](http://uab.edu/studenthealth)
- Complete required immunizations, background check and drug screen
- 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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## Prerequisite Courses

(UAB or other institution)

### COURSES

Biology Sequence / BY 123 & 124  
Microbiology (lab preferred) / BY 261 or BY 271  
Human Anatomy / BY 115  
Human Physiology / BY 116 or BY 409  
General Chemistry (lab preferred) / CH 115, 116, 117, & 118  
Statistics / HCM 360 or PY 216 & PY 216L  
Psychology (general; abnormal or developmental) / PY 101, 201, 212, 218

## Paying for College

For detailed tuition and fees information go to:  
[www.uab.edu/students/paying-for-college/detailed-tuition-and-fees](http://www.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 [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

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

### UAB SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

To view opportunities, find out deadlines, and access applications, 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.

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.

## PA Didactic Curriculum

(4 Semesters)

### COURSES

### SEM HRS

#### Fall (15 Hours)

CDS 501	Professional Skills I	0
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

#### Spring (18 Hours)

CDS 502	Professional Skills II	0
PA 603	Pharmacology I	3
PA 606	Clinical Medicine I	6
PA 608	Surgical Disease I	3
PA 611	History & Physical Examination I	3
PA 613	Surgical Techniques	3

#### Summer (15 Hours)

CDS 504	Professional Skills III	1
CDS 535	Medical Genetics Across the Lifespan	1
HCM 530	Health Care Delivery and Reimbursement	3
PA 609	Surgical Diseases II	3
PA 614	Operating Room Techniques	2
PA 616	Electrocardiography	1
PA 618	Risk Management	1
PA 619	Fund Clinical Research	3

#### Fall (17 Hours)

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 (Simulation Lab)	1
PA 635	Special Populations in Medicine	2

## PA CLINICAL Curriculum

(3 Semesters)

### Spring/Summer/Fall

Senior Seminar	5
Clinical Service*	94
Presentation of Research Project	1

\*Series of courses for Clinical Services

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

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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