

SECTION II: PA PROGRAM CURRICULUM

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW AND COMPONENTS

The Program is a full-time, closed, 27-month, cohort curriculum leading to a Master of Medical Science (MMS) in Physician Assistant Studies. Part-time enrollment is not offered. This intensive 115-credit hour curriculum provides a solid foundation in primary care medicine. The first four (4) semesters are completed in the classroom (Didactic Phase) and the final three (3) semesters are completed at the Clinical Sites of the Program's Clinical Affiliates (Clinical Phase). Students must successfully complete all components of the Didactic Phase to be eligible to take the Didactic Summative and begin the Clinical Phase. Students must successfully complete all components of the Didactic and Clinical Phases of the Program to be eligible to take the Clinical Summative Evaluation. Students must pass all components of the Summative Evaluation, including achievement of the Program's Graduate Competencies, to be eligible for graduation. Progression standards for the Program are outlined in this catalog. Under no circumstances can the total duration of participation in this program exceed 54 months to include any decelerations or leave of absences.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

PA Class of 2025	
Summer I Semester (14 weeks)	
Orientation	May 8-9, 2023
Classes begin	May 9, 2023
Memorial Day – No class	May 29, 2023
Independence Day – No class	July 4, 2023
Last day of classes	August 11, 2023
Break	August 12-20, 2023
Fall Semester (16 weeks)	
Classes begin	August 21, 2023
Labor Day – No class	September 4, 2023
Thanksgiving Break	November 22-24, 2023
Last day of classes	December 8, 2023
Break (subject to change based on University calendar)	December 9, 2023 - January 1, 2024
*TAPA Conference dates to be determined.	
Spring Semester (16 weeks)	
Classes begin	January 2, 2024
Martin Luther King Day – No class	January 15, 2024
Good Friday – No class	March 29, 2024
Last day of classes	April 19, 2024

*Mission Trip dates to be determined if applicable.	
Summer II Semester (12 weeks didactic / 4 weeks clinical)	
Classes begin	April 22, 2024
Memorial Day – No class	May 27, 2024
Last day of classes	July 12, 2024
Break	July 13-19, 2024
First Clinical Rotation	July 22, 2024 – August 16, 2024
Fifth Semester (18 weeks)	August 19, 2024 – January 3, 2025
Sixth Semester (18 weeks)	January 6 – April 25, 2025
Seventh Semester (14 weeks)	April 28 – August 1, 2025
Graduation	August 2, 2025
DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	

Curriculum Outline and Credits Awarded

DIDACTIC PHASE (63 semester hours)			
Summer I Semester (318 contact hours, 15 semester hours)			
Course Number	Course Title	Contact Hours	Semester Hours
PAS 500	Introduction to the PA Profession	18	1.0
PAS 505	Pharmacology	18	1.0
PAS 510	Anatomy	120	5.0
PAS 515	Physiology/Pathophysiology I	54	3.0
PAS 520	Clinical Assessment and Technical Skills	72	3.0
PAS 575	Public Health Issues	36	2.0
Fall Semester (351 contact hours, 18.5 semester hours)			
PAS 516	Physiology/Pathophysiology II	36	2.0
PAS 521	Clinical Assessment and Technical Skills II	72	3.0
PAS 535	Pharmacology/Pharmacotherapeutics	36	2.0
PAS 550	Clinical Medicine I	171	9.5
PAS 560	Research Methods	36	2.0
Spring Semester (351 contact hours, 18.5 semester hours)			
PAS 517	Physiology/Pathophysiology III	36	2.0
PAS 536	Pharmacology/Pharmacotherapeutics II	36	2.0