

OREGON HEALTH & SCIENCE UNIVERSITY
Physician Assistant Program
2009-10 Supplemental Application
Form Must Be Submitted Online

SECTION 1

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

CASPA ID #:

Email Address:

Have you previously applied for admission to the OHSU PA Program?

If yes, specify year(s): Before 2006, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09.

The Admissions Committee fully recognizes the importance of diversity in its student body and in the physician assistant work force. Accordingly, the Physician Assistant Program strongly encourages applications from persons from all socioeconomic, racial, ethnic, religious, and educational backgrounds and persons from groups underrepresented in health care. To enable us to achieve this goal, we ask you to answer the following questions:

- 1) Describe the size of the principal city or town you lived in during childhood (\leq age 18).
 - Urban Environment (>1,000,000 population)
 - Large City (100,000 to 1,000,000 population)
 - Mid-size city (50,000 to 99,999 population)
 - Large Town (10,000 to 49,999 population)
 - Small Town (2,500 to 9,999 population)
 - Isolated Rural (<2,500 population)

- 2) Indicate the highest level of education achieved by your mother.
(select from: Primary School, High School Graduate, Master's Degree, College Graduate, Doctoral Degree, Unknown)

- 3) Indicate the highest level of education achieved by your father.
(select from: Primary School, High School Graduate, Master's Degree, College Graduate, Doctoral Degree, Unknown)

- 4) In high school or college, did you participate in a program to promote or enhance diversity in the health professions, science, or related careers such as the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP), Minority Medical Education Program (MMEP), Summer Medical Education Program (SMEP), Trio, Gear Up, or Head Start? If yes, please describe program:

5. Please provide a brief summary of your foreign language skills. Information provided in this section is entirely optional and will not be used for admission decisions. Please specify language, level, fluency, and number of years of training for each language.

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CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION (required of all applicants):

The Physician Assistant Program reserves the right to deny admission to any applicant whose criminal background poses a threat to the university, physician assistant profession, and/or health care community. Please answer the following questions.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?

Have you ever been found guilty except for insanity, mental disease, defect, etc. or not guilty by reason of insanity, mental disease, defect, etc. in any proceedings in which you were charged with a felony or misdemeanor?

Do you currently have an arrest pending for a felony or misdemeanor?

If the answer to any of the above questions is “Yes” please indicate the crime involved, any sentence imposed, and the year(s), state, county, and country in which the legal proceedings took place.

Should the answer to any of the above questions become “Yes” between the time of submission of this application and an applicant’s enrollment at OHSU, the individual must immediately inform the Director of the Physician Assistant Program.

SECTION 2

To be eligible for 2010 admissions, **ALL PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK MUST BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2009.** A grade of ‘C’ or above is required to meet all prerequisites. Please enter the courses you deem appropriate to meet the prerequisites.

Bachelor’s Degree required completion by the end of spring term 2010						
Degree:		Major:			Degree Date:	
General or Cell Biology with Lab (full sequence - 2 semesters or 3 quarters)						
Course #	Course Name	Credit Hours	Grade	Repeat Y/N	Date Completed or Planned Completion	Institution
General or Inorganic Chemistry with Lab (full sequence - 2 semesters or 3 quarters)						
Course #	Course Name	Credit Hours	Grade	Repeat Y/N	Date Completed or Planned Completion	Institution
Microbiology with Lab or Bacteriology with Lab (one course with lab) (International Grads must meet this requirement at a U.S. or Canadian institution)						
Course #	Course Name	Credit Hours	Grade	Repeat Y/N	Date Completed or Planned Completion	Institution
Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab (For 2010 admissions, transcripts must show courses successfully completed between 2003 and 2009; minimum of 2 semesters or 3 quarters of a combined A&P with lab or ONE semester each of anatomy with lab and physiology with lab) (International Grads must meet this requirement at U.S. or Canadian institution)						
Course #	Course Name	Credit Hours	Grade	Repeat Y/N	Date Completed or Planned Completion	Institution
General or Developmental Psychology (one course)						
Course #	Course Name	Credit Hours	Grade	Repeat Y/N	Date Completed or Planned Completion	Institution
Statistics (one course; offered through statistics, math, psychology, or sociology depts.)						
Course #	Course Name	Credit Hours	Grade	Repeat Y/N	Date Completed or Planned Completion	Institution

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SECTION 3

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVES

1. All first-time OHSU applicants: Please respond to the following (A, B, C, D) in concise typewritten statements. A 1-2 paragraph response per statement is sufficient.
2. Reapplicants to OHSU: Please update any changes to answers (A, B, C, D) from your previous application. In addition, please respond to the “for reapplicants only” question (E).
 - A. Describe your specific interest in the OHSU PA Program.
 - B. You are talking with a friend about your application to PA programs. Unsure exactly what a PA is, they ask you “is that something like a nurse, or a doctor in training?” How would you respond?
 - C. Please describe your interactions, if any, with clinically practicing physician assistants. If you have not interacted with a PA, please describe resources you found useful in your quest to learn more about the PA profession.
 - D. The OHSU PA Program strives to create a class of individuals with varied backgrounds and interests. If accepted, what would you see as your greatest potential contribution to the class?
 - E. **For reapplicants only**: In planning for your reapplication this year, what specific aspects of last year’s application did you feel could be improved upon? What specific efforts have you made (or plan to make) in the intervening year to make yourself a more competitive applicant? What additional PA resources did you utilize? Please expand upon your continued interest in the OHSU PA Program.

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School of Medicine
Division of Physician Assistant Education
Technical Standards

For successful completion of the course of study for the degree of Master of Physician Assistant Studies at OHSU, the student must possess the knowledge, skills, attitudes and judgment to function in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of patient care. Therefore, all students admitted to the Program must meet the following abilities and expectations. As part of an acceptance offer, candidates will be requested to state that to the best of their knowledge, they are able to meet these standards with or without reasonable accommodations. Students/applicants who may have questions regarding these technical standards are encouraged to contact the Education & Student Affairs Office.

1. Candidates must be able to observe demonstrations and experiments in the basic sciences.
2. Candidates must have sufficient use of the sensory, vision, hearing, motor and somatic sensation necessary to perform a physical examination. Candidates must be able to perform activities such as palpation, auscultation, percussion, the administration of intravenous medication, the application of pressure to stop bleeding, the opening of obstructed airways, and the movements, equilibrium and functional use of the sense of touch and vision.
3. Candidates must be able to learn to respond with precise, quick and appropriate action in emergency situations.
4. Candidates must be able to communicate with accuracy, clarity, efficiency and sensitivity.
5. Candidates must have the skills to be able to analyze and synthesize information, solve problems, and reach diagnostic and therapeutic judgments.
6. Candidates must be able to acknowledge evaluation and respond appropriately.
7. Candidates must possess the interpersonal skills to develop rapport and positive relationships with patients.
8. Candidates are expected to possess the perseverance, diligence and consistency to complete the PA Program curriculum. Candidates, therefore, must be able to tolerate physically taxing workloads, to function effectively under stress, to adapt to changing environments, to display flexibility, and to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of many patients.

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