The OHSU Physician Assistant Program is a 26-month, full-time course of study leading to a Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree. The program annually accepts a class of 42-46 students each year and is fully accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). Please refer to the program Web site at www.ohsu.edu/pa for additional information and specific deadline dates.

Admissions Process

- Applications are available each year through the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) beginning mid-April with the application deadline of September 1st. www.caspaonline.org
- An OHSU Supplemental Application is required available each year May 1 through September 1.
- The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test is required. Refer to www.gre.org for testing sites/dates
- Informational Sessions are held during spring/summer months. Information Sessions are posted on the Program website and updated annually in late January. Please refer to www.ohsu.edu/pa or OHSU PA Program Information Sessions for more information, venue location and directions.
- Program Review of Applications once they are received from CASPA and on-campus interviews are required of competitive applicants
- Class Selection: The program utilizes a rolling admission process. Program Begins: mid-June

Program Prerequisites (coursework must be completed by the end of fall term prior to potential matriculation):

- Bachelor’s degree (degree must be complete by spring term prior to matriculation)
- Minimum 30 semester credit hours or 40 quarter credit hours of BCP (bio/chem/physics) coursework; BCP credits can be fulfilled with the biology, chem, micro, A&P requirements below
- Biology – General, Cell, Molecular, Genetics; Lab recommended (minimum 8 sem/10 qtr credits)
- Chemistry - General, Inorganic, Organic, Biochem; Lab recommended (min. 8 sem/10 qtr credits)
- Microbiology & Lab (one semester or quarter course with lab; bacteriology not accepted; min. 3 cr)
- Human Anatomy & Physiology with Lab (completed within 7 years of planned PA Program matriculation; minimum of 2 semesters or 3 quarters of a combined A&P course w/lab or one semester each of Anatomy w/lab and Physiology w/lab; labs are required; prefer in-person lectures/labs; fully online courses/labs are not accepted; hybrid online lecture with in-person lab acceptable. WA state A&P w/lab sequence of 5 credits/each acceptable)
- General Psychology or Developmental Psychology (one semester or quarter course)
- Biostatistics or Statistics (statistics, math, psychology, sociology depts; NOT business statistics)
- Highly recommended - Upper division natural science course work which might include 300 and 400 level courses in organic chemistry, biochemistry, genetics, immunology and pathophysiology
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) – General Test scores, taken within the past 5 yrs, can be sent to School Code: 4780; Department Code 0634 or 0699. If taken more than 5 years ago, applicant must retake GRE.
- Minimum cumulative GPA and BCP GPA of 2.8
- Minimum of one year (2000 hours as of the September deadline) of experience in a responsible health care position is expected of all applicants. Preference is given to those with health care experience that involves direct patient care. Examples of health care experience: medical assistant, nursing assistant, EMT/paramedic, surgery/OR tech, emergency room tech, medical technologist, hospital corpsman, medic, Peace Corps, phlebotomist, PT aide, researcher, and other positions involving direct patient care.
- International graduates In addition to the above requirements, international graduates must meet the
following criteria with courses taken at an accredited U.S. or Canadian college/university:

- 20 credit hours of natural sciences (may include A&P with lab and microbiology w/lab)
- Human Anatomy & Physiology with Lab (see above for minimum requirements)
- Microbiology with Lab
- English (reading and writing courses) 6 sem hours/9 qtr hours. English coursework may be waived if original coursework or education was taken at an English-speaking institution
- Evaluation of foreign (non-U.S., non-Canadian) academic credentials by an international credentialing agency is required. See CASPA website for a list of credentialing agencies.
- TOEFL results are required of students for whom English is not their native language. Score results must include scores for the TWE and TSE (Test of Written English & Test of Spoken English).

OHSU PA Curriculum – brief summary

Didactic Curriculum (12 months; 4 quarters):
Includes courses in the Basic Sciences, Clinical Medicine and Behavioral Medicine

Clinical Curriculum (14 months; 5 quarters):
Supervised clinical experiences will ensure students will acquire the competencies needed for clinical practice. Rotations will provide experiences in: Outpatient and Inpatient Medicine settings, Emergency Department, and Operating Room. Students will have opportunities to work with patients seeking: medical care across the life span, in women’s health, in surgical management (pre, intra-operative and post-operative care) and care for behavioral/mental health conditions.

Estimated Costs – Figures provided are estimates for 2014-15.

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All potential applicants are encouraged to apply for federal financial aid through http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/ and visit the OHSU Financial Aid Office website http://www.ohsu.edu/finaid/ for additional information.

Physician Assistant Profession – for more information on the profession, visit www.aapa.org
Physician Assistants are highly trained members of the health care team who practice medicine with the supervision of licensed physicians providing patients with a wide range of services. Physician Assistants are trained to obtain medical histories, perform complete physical examinations and minor surgical procedures, diagnose illnesses, order and interpret routine diagnostic tests, develop treatment plans, suture wounds, set fractures and assist in surgery. PAs also provide education to patients regarding illness, health promotion and disease prevention.

Average Annual Income for Physician Assistants (AAPA 2013 Census Survey):

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