



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Physician assistants (PAs) are licensed healthcare professionals who practice medicine under the supervision of a physician. As part of their comprehensive responsibilities, PA's conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventative health care, assist in surgery, and prescribe medications. PA's deliver a broad range of medical and surgical services to diverse populations in rural and urban settings.

Why pursue a career as a physician assistant?

- There are excellent career opportunities in most areas of medicine – physician assistants average six to 10 job offers per person and the PA profession is rated as one of the fastest growing professions.
- Excellent income potential, with salaries averaging over \$80,000 per year.
- Work in a variety of medical settings, with a broad range of skills and responsibilities – including diagnosing and treating illnesses, prescribing medicines, and teaching patients how to improve their health.
- PA's are trained as generalists in the medical model, similar to the model for physician training.
- There is a high degree of flexibility in selecting a specialty, as well as transitioning into new specialty areas of medicine throughout your career.

Why come to Marquette for PA studies?

- **Accelerated Track***: Biomedical Sciences majors following the pre-PA track can apply at the end of their sophomore year, to begin the two-year PA curriculum in their senior year. Accepted students complete their bachelor's and master's degrees in only five years, instead of six.
- **Opportunity to serve others**: Our PA students learn in the heart of the city and are prepared to work in metropolitan hospitals and clinics as well as in rural areas. Marquette has teaching affiliations with all major health care systems in the metro-Milwaukee area and students benefit from quality clinical rotations as well as diverse guest lectures.
- **Learn in a state-of-the-art facility**: The PA program moved into its new home in the summer of 2019. This new construction offers state-of-the art technology in both the classrooms and simulation labs.
- **Be mentored by successful professionals**: During your final year of study, you'll work full time with practicing physician assistants and physicians during your clinical internship rotations in pediatrics, family practice, obstetrics and gynecology, internal medicine, surgery and emergency medicine. You will have the opportunity to customize your degree by selecting specialty rotations in areas such as orthopedics, surgical subspecialties or internal medicine subspecialties.
- **Expand your horizons**: Clinical rotations are available throughout the United States and beyond, including Native American Reservations in Alaska and North Dakota; Puerto Rico; and Belize.

For additional information about PA, please visit our website at: www.marquette.edu/chs/pa

*The accelerated track is also available to transfer students who complete at least 30 credits at MU, with a minimum of 12 science prerequisites, prior to applying to the program and are on track in the BISC/pre-PA curriculum. Students with completed bachelor's degrees are not eligible for the accelerated track.