

# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

## MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

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### About the Profession

A physician assistant (PA) is an advanced practitioner who acts as an extension of the physician in making diagnoses and treating patients. Working as part of a patient care team, a physician assistant works in all practice settings, performs comprehensive history and physicals, orders and interprets diagnostic tests, prescribes medication and performs procedures.

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### About the Degree

The Master of Physician Assistant Studies at Kettering College is a clinically based program that provides the academic and clinical education necessary to become competent practicing physician assistants. All physician assistant (PHAS) courses must be taken at Kettering College.

### Approval & Accreditation

The physician assistant studies program at Kettering College is accredited through the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, 12000 Findley Road, Suite 240, Duluth, GA 30097. The physician assistant program is also an active member of the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA).

### Admission Basics

Applicants who are not pre-PA students at Kettering College or enrolled in the Bachelor of Science human biology major "3+2"-year MPAS accelerated curriculum must apply through Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) at [www.CASPAonline.org](http://www.CASPAonline.org). Applications must be received by CASPA no later than Oct. 1 of the year prior to matriculation.

The application process is structured on a two-tiered system composed of a pre-interview selection process and selection for admission to the program.

**PRE-INTERVIEW PROCESS:** Interviews are conducted from September through December. The following qualifications must be met in order to be considered for the interview process:

- Only completed applications will be considered
- Completion of the the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- Transcripts must reflect a minimum GPA of 3.00 for all prerequisite courses with no grade lower than a C
- Selection for the interview is based on the following:
  1. Completion and nature of the degree (must be from a regionally accredited institution)
  2. GPA analysis of complete academic history
  3. Quality and quantity of health care hours
  4. Evaluation of recommendation letters
  5. GRE score (GRE code 7341)
  6. Bonus consideration will be awarded to those students taking at least 7 semester credits at Kettering College

The PA admission committee selects and recommends applicants for admission to the PA program; this roster is shared with the College admission office for final acceptance.



**APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER VIA CASPAONLINE.ORG**



## Program Of Study

### INTEGRATED SYSTEMS-BASED CURRICULUM

Clinical Medicine Module (CMM): The Clinical Medicine Module series is a comprehensive and integrated approach to learning medicine by organ systems and is designated by CMM in course titles.

**Note:** To progress from the summer semester (semester 1) to the fall semester (semester 2), official record of degree and/or prerequisite requirements must have been documented in the college admissions office prior to the end of the summer semester.

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### PREREQUISITE COURSES

37 total semester credits required (must be from regionally accredited institution)

#### NATURAL SCIENCE PREREQUISITES

Organic Chemistry I with lab	4 semester credits
Organic Chemistry II with lab	4 semester credits
Human Anatomy with lab	4 semester credits
Human Physiology with lab	4 semester credits
Microbiology with lab	4 semester credits
Biochemistry (lab preferred)	4 semester credits
General Biology with lab	4 semester credits

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28 science semester credits</b>
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Note: There is a 10 year statute on the statistics and all prerequisite science courses.

#### NON-SCIENCE PREREQUISITES

General Psychology	3 semester credits
Developmental OR abnormal psychology	3 semester credits
Statistics	3 semester credits

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9 non-science semester credits</b>
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#### SEMESTER 1 (BEGINS IN MAY)

	SUMMER
PHAS 500 Intro to the PA Profession	1
PHAS 501 Basics of Pharmacology	1
PHAS 502 Patient Interviewing & Medical Documentation	2
PHAS 531 Introduction to Pathophysiology	2
PHAS 512 CMM Dermatology	1
PHAS 551 Behavioral Medicine	2
PHAS 553 Clinical Genetics	2
RELP 316 Spirituality in Healing & Healthcare (3+2 Human Biology students only)	3
RELP 507 Clinical Ethics I	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12-15</b>

#### SEMESTERS 2, 3, 4

		SEMESTER HOURS BY TERM		
		FALL	WINTER	SUMMER
PHAS 508	Evidence-Based Medicine	1		
PHAS 570	CMM Hematology and Oncology	2		
PHAS 571	CMM Infectious Disease	2		
PHAS 516	CMM ENT	3		
PHAS 517	CMM Cardiovascular Medicine	9		
PHAS 522	CMM Endocrinology	3		
PHAS 529	CMM Nephrology	3		
PHAS 518	CMM Pulmonology		5	
PHAS 526	CMM Gastroenterology		6	
PHAS 572	CMM Musculoskeletal Medicine		6	
PHAS 573	CMM Neurology		5	
PHAS 561	Pediatrics			2
PHAS 574	Women's Health			3
PHAS 566	Surgical and Emergency Care			3
PHAS 567	Integration of Clinical Medicine Seminar			1
RELP 508	Clinical Ethics II			1
RELP 601	Applied Spiritual Care I			1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>

#### SEMESTERS 5, 6, 7

		SEMESTER HOURS BY TERM		
		FALL	WINTER	SUMMER
RELP 602	Applied Spiritual Care II	1		
PHAS 642-644	Clinical Rotations	9		
PHAS 637	Capstone Prep I	1		
PHAS 631	Health Policy and PA Professional Practice		1	
PHAS 638	Capstone Prep II		1	
PHAS 615	Objective Structured Clinical Examination		1	
PHAS 645-647	Clinical Rotations		9	
PHAS 648-649	Clinical Rotations			6
PHAS 641	Capstone Project			1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>TOTAL CREDITS FOR DEGREE</b>			<b>98</b>

**STUDENT WORK POLICY:** In order to enhance student learning and assure student success in the MPAS, it is highly recommended that students minimize the hours worked outside of the degree. When students continue employment while enrolled in the MPAS, work schedules must not interfere with class performance or clinical rotation schedules.