



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.



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

For more info see KC.edu/PA or contact the Physician Assistant Department at (937) 395-8638 or via e-mail at PA@kc.edu

About the Degree

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

Accreditation

The physician assistant studies program at Kettering College is accredited through the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. It has been continually accredited since 1975, two decades longer than any other program in the State of Ohio.

Admissions Process

Applicants must apply through Central Application Service for Physician Assistant (CASPA) at www.CASPAonline.org. Applications must be received by CASPA no later than October 1st of the year prior to matriculation.

Kettering College students who are currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science Human Biology 3+2 Program (go to kc.edu/academics/human-biology for more details about the program), can contact our Physician Assistant Department at PA@kc.edu to receive instructions for applying.

Interview Selection Criteria

Candidates are selected for an interview based on the following (each of which is required for consideration):

- Only completed applications will be considered
- Having completed a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or be on track to complete a degree prior to admission of the next class

- Completion of prerequisite courses with no more than 4 prerequisite courses outstanding at the time of application
- Transcripts must reflect a minimum GPA of 3.0 for all prerequisite courses with no grade lower than a C
- Completion of Graduate Record Exam (GRE Code 7341)
- Completion of the Altus Suite/ CASPer assessment
- Completion of Patient Care Hours (250 to 1,000 hours recommended)
- Submission of three letters of recommendation

Applicants from the following groups are afforded preference in the selection for interview:

- Students taking at least 12 semester credit hours at Kettering College
- Honorably Discharged Veterans
- Seventh-Day Adventist students

Admissions Criteria

Applicants are appraised for admission based on the following criteria:

- GPA analysis of complete academic coursework
- Academic performance in prerequisite courses
- GRE Scores
- Altus Suite/CASPer score
- Quality and quantity of patient care hours
- Evaluation of recommendation letters
- Interview session

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PREREQUISITE COURSES

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

SCIENCE PREREQUISITES

| | |
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| 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 |
| TOTAL | 28 science semester credits |

Note: Science prerequisite courses must have been completed within the last 10 years.

NON-SCIENCE PREREQUISITES

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| General Psychology | 3 semester credits |
| Developmental OR abnormal psychology | 3 semester credits |
| Statistics | 3 semester credits |
| TOTAL | 9 non-science semester credits |

SEMESTER 1 (BEGINS IN MAY)

| | SUMMER |
|---|----------------|
| PHAS 500 Intro to the PA Profession | 1 |
| PHAS 502 Patient Interviewing & Medical Documentation | 2 |
| PHAS 532 Introduction to Pathophysiology and Pharmacology | 3 |
| PHAS 512 CMM Dermatology | 1 |
| PHAS 551 Behavioral Medicine | 2 |
| PHAS 553 Clinical Genetics | 2 |
| PHAS 570 CMM Hematology and Oncology | 2 |
| REL 507 Clinical Ethics I | 1 |
| REL 316* Spirituality in Healing & Healthcare | (3) |
| TOTAL | 14 (17) |

* Human Biology 3+2 students only

** The order of clinical rotations will vary. Students registering for clinical rotations should contact the PA Clinical Office for course numbers

Program Of Study

The PA program at Kettering College is unique in its modular curricular design. The program delivers an integrated system-based curriculum where medicine is taught by organ systems in a comprehensive and integrated manner.

| SEMESTERS 2, 3, 4 | | SEMESTER HOURS BY TERM | | |
|-------------------|--|------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| | | FALL | WINTER | SUMMER |
| PHAS 536 | Evidence-Based Medicine I | 0.5 | | |
| 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 537 | Evidence-Based Medicine II | | 0.5 | |
| PHAS 518 | CMM Pulmonology | | 5 | |
| PHAS 526 | CMM Gastroenterology | | 6 | |
| PHAS 533 | CMM Musculoskeletal Medicine | | 5 | |
| PHAS 534 | CMM Neurology | | 6 | |
| 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 |
| REL 508 | Clinical Ethics II | | | 1 |
| REL 601 | Applied Spiritual Care I | | | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 20.5 | 22.5 | 11 |

| SEMESTERS 5, 6, 7 | | SEMESTER HOURS BY TERM | | |
|-------------------|---|------------------------|-------------|----------|
| | | FALL | WINTER | SUMMER |
| REL 602 | Applied Spiritual Care | 1 | | |
| PHAS** | Family Medicine Rotation | 3 | | |
| PHAS** | Inpatient Medicine Rotation | 3 | | |
| PHAS** | Surgery Rotation | 3 | | |
| PHAS 637 | Capstone Prep I | 1 | | |
| PHAS 632 | Health Policy and PA Professional Practice I | 0.5 | | |
| PHAS 633 | Health Policy and PA Professional Practice II | | 0.5 | |
| PHAS 638 | Capstone Prep II | | 1 | |
| PHAS 615 | Objective Structured Clinical Examination | | 1 | |
| PHAS** | Emergency Medicine Rotation | | 3 | |
| PHAS** | Behavioral Medicine Rotation | | 3 | |
| PHAS** | Pediatric Rotation | | 1.5 | |
| PHAS** | Womans Health Rotation | | 1.5 | |
| PHAS** | Elective Rotation 1 | | | 1.5 |
| PHAS** | Elective Rotation 2 | | | 1.5 |
| PHAS** | Elective Rotation 3 | | | 3 |
| PHAS 641 | Capstone Project | | | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 11.5 | 11.5 | 7 |

TOTAL CREDITS FOR DEGREE

98 (101)