

MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Physician Assistant Studies Program (MPAS) is 29 months in length consisting of a 14-month didactic component followed by 15-month supervised clinical clerkship component.

The didactic phase is comprised of classroom instruction in advanced basic sciences, clinical skills, clinical medicine, pharmacology, behavioral medicine, ethics, and research.

In general, classes are held Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Students are expected to attend all classes and should have no other commitments during these hours.

The clinical phase of the program consists of 15 months of supervised clinical clerkships. This phase consists of twelve (12) 4-week long clinical rotations in Family Practice (8 weeks), Pediatrics, Women’s Health, Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Internal medicine, and Behavioral Health in addition to 4 elective rotations.

Some rotations will require students to work on the weekends and evenings. Students are required to be available as instructed by their preceptors. At various times throughout the clinical phase, students will return to campus for end-of-rotation educational sessions. A separate handbook will be distributed during the clinical year orientation detailing specifics for the clinical year.

Note: We do not allow for advanced standing, regardless of previous graduate work in healthcare. All incoming students must complete the entire PA curriculum.

COURSE SEQUENCE

Students in the MPAS program at St. Ambrose University complete a total of 124 credits.

Year One

SUMMER (8 WEEKS)

- MPAS 550 Gross Anatomy, 5 credits

FALL (17 CREDITS)

- MPAS 510 Advanced Physiology, 5 credits
- MPAS 520 Medical Pathology, 5 credits
- MPAS 530 Clinical Laboratory Science, 2 credits
- MPAS 600 Professional Practice Issues, 1 credits
- MPAS 620 Communication in Medicine I, 2 credits
- MPAS 630 Healthcare Systems, 2 credits

SPRING (20 CREDITS)

- MPAS 640 Medicine I, 9 credits
- MPAS 650 Pharmacotherapy I, 4 credits
- MPAS 660 Clinical Skills I, 3 credits
- MPAS 625 Communication in Medicine II, 1 credits
- MPAS 680 Behavioral Medicine, 3 credits

Year Two

SUMMER (20 CREDITS)

- MPAS 645 Medicine II, 11 credits
- MPAS 655 Pharmacotherapy II, 4 credits
- MPAS 665 Clinical Skills II, 1 credit
- MPAS 672 Evidence Based Medicine 2 credits
- MPAS 690 Medical Ethics, 2 credits

FALL (14 CREDITS)

- MPAS 677 Research Application, 2 credits
- MPAS 700 Clinical Preparation, 4 credits
- MPAS 700s (2) Clinical Preceptorships, 8 credits

SPRING (17 CREDITS)

- MPAS 700s (4) Clinical Preceptorships, 16 credits
- MPAS 712 Clinical End of Rotation Block, 1 credits

Year Three

SUMMER (14 CREDITS)

- MPAS 700s (3) Clinical Preceptorships, 12 credit hours
- MPAS 712A, 712B Clinical End of Rotation Block, 2 credits

FALL (17 CREDITS)

- MPAS 700s (3) Clinical Preceptorships, 12 credits
- MPAS 712 Clinical End of Rotation Block, 1 credit
- MPAS 715 Summative Evaluation, 4 credits