

# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) & MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) (THE FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM)

CORE Requirements	Credits	Major Requirements	Credits	Major Requirements	Credits	Professional Phase	Credits
CORE 090 First Yr Exp.	1	BIOL 113*	3	CHEM 113*	3	PA 450	6
CORE 100 Lib Arts Sem.	3	BIOL 113L*	1	CHEM 113L*	1	PA 554	3
CORE 110 Effect Writ.	3	BIOL 210*	3	CHEM 114*	3	PA 556	4
CORE 115 or 116 Oral Comm.	3	BIOL 210L*	1	CHEM 114L*	1	PA 475	5
CORE 131 or 133 Civilization	3	BIOL 213*	3	CHEM 241*	3	PA 455	4
CORE 140 or 141-145 Forgn.	3	BIOL 213L*	1	CHEM 241L*	1	PA 557	5
CORE 150-159 Soc. Sci. <sup>1</sup>	3	BIOL 221*	3	NEUR 211*	3	PA 558	6
CORE 160-169 Literature	3	BIOL 221L*	1	NEUR 342*	3	PA 476	3
CORE 170-179 The Arts	3	BIOL 222*	3	MATH 126 <sup>2*</sup>	3	PA 559	4
CORE 180-189 Amer. Studies <sup>1</sup>	3	BIOL 222L*	1			PA 510	2
CORE 190-199 Global Studies <sup>1</sup>	3	BIOL 224*	3			PA 515	6
CORE 250-259 Syst. Theology	3	BIOL 224L*	1			PA 520	6
CORE 260-269 Mor. Theology	3	BIOL 314*	3			PA 525	6
CORE 280 Philos. I	3	BIOL 314L*	1			PA 530	6
CORE 281-289 Philos. II	3	BIOL 327*	3			PA 535	6
		BIOL 327L*	1			PA 540	6
		BIOL 341*	3			PA 545	6
						PA 550	6
						PA 555	6
						PA 560	4
Total Credits for CORE	43			Total Credits for Major	56	Total Credits for the Professional Phase	100

### Total Credits Required for Five-Year BS/MS Program = 199

\*Courses noted with an asterisk comprise the "Prerequisite Science GPA".

NOTE: All core and major requirements must be completed by the end of the Spring Semester of Year 3.

**Health Care Experience Hours:** Students must complete a minimum of 500 health care experience hours prior to the completion of Year 3 of the 5 year BS/MS Program. Some of these hours must be spent shadowing Physician Assistants. See document titled "Health Care Experience Hours" for further detail. The student must complete and log a minimum of 375 hours by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the fall semester of the junior year (year 3). 75% of these hours must be direct patient care hours. Early during their first semester, students will be provided with information on how to log their clinical experience hours online.

**Professional (Didactic) Phase Year 1 (2 semesters and 6 weeks of summer session course work)**

Upon successful completion of the first 3 years and the first 2 semesters of the professional phase of the PA program, the degree of Bachelor of Science in Medical Studies is awarded. Students are now considered graduate level students.

**Professional (Clinical) Phase Year 2 (13.5 months)**

Upon completion of all required clerkships, family practice preceptorship and acceptable completion of the capstone course, students are awarded a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies.

Students enrolled in the 5 year BS/MS Physician Assistant Major will be advised of and provided with a copy of the "Progression Criteria."

This "Progression Criteria" along with this document shall serve as guidelines for successful completion of this major.

<sup>1</sup>Students are required to take CORE 150, CORE 180 **OR** CORE 190 to fulfill the Interdisciplinary CORE requirement.

- If a student takes CORE 150, then he/she should choose from 181 – 188 to fulfill the 18x requirement AND from 191 – 198 to fulfill the 19x requirement.
- If a student takes CORE 180, then he/she should choose from 151 – 158 to fulfill the 15x requirement AND from 191 – 198 to fulfill the 19x requirement.
- If a student takes CORE 190, then he/she should choose from 151 – 158 to fulfill the 15x requirement AND from 181 – 188 to fulfill the 18x requirement.

<sup>2</sup>Students majoring in the Physician Assistant Program are required to take MATH 126. This course satisfies both major and CORE requirements.

### General Information:

A student must earn a minimum of 120 credit hours to be awarded the baccalaureate degree. The number of credit hours required for graduation may be higher in certain major programs **or** if the student elects to pursue a second major. Beyond the requirements of the Core Curriculum and of a student's chosen major program, the balances of the credit hours required for graduation are "free electives." Because of the CORE, Major, and Professional Phase requirements, there are no "Free Electives" for students majoring in the Physician Assistant program.

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## SUGGESTED SEQUENCE

- Use the information below as a guide when selecting courses.
- Refer to the reverse side when selecting major courses, major electives, core courses, and free electives when applicable.
- Consult your Academic Advisor prior to course registration.
- Refer to the King's College Catalog and/or website for course titles and descriptions.
- Choose one course from each CORE category as listed on the reverse side.
  - CORE courses may be taken in any order approved by the academic advisor with the following conditions:
    - CORE 100 and CORE 110 should be taken in the first year.
    - CORE 115 (or 116) should be taken within the first two years.
    - For students selecting a Foreign Language (CORE 14x), every effort should be made to register for that language in the first semester at King's.

<b>PRE-PROFESSIONAL PHASE (YEARS 1 – 3)</b>					
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year - Fall</b>		<b>cr.</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year - Spring</b>		<b>cr.</b>
BIOL 113* Evolution & Diversity		3	BIOL 210* Organisms & Their Ecosystems		3
BIOL 113L* Evolution & Diversity Lab		1	BIOL 210L* Organisms & Their Ecosystems Lab		1
CHEM 113* General Chemistry I		3	CHEM 114* General Chemistry II		3
CHEM 113L* General Chemistry I Lab		1	CHEM 114L* General Chemistry II Lab		1
CORE		3	MATH 126 <sup>2</sup> * Introduction to Statistics		3
CORE		3	CORE		3
CORE 090 First Year Experience		1	CORE		3
		<b>15</b>			<b>17</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year - Fall</b>			<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year - Spring</b>		
BIOL 213* Cell & Molecular Biology		3	BIOL 224* Biochemistry for Medical Studies		3
BIOL 213L* Cell & Molecular Biology with Lab		1	BIOL 224L* Biochemistry for Medical Studies Lab		1
CHEM 241* Organic Chemistry I		3	BIOL 314* Microbiology		3
CHEM 241L* Organic Chemistry I Lab		1	BIOL 314L* Microbiology Lab		1
CORE		3	CORE		3
CORE		3	CORE		3
CORE		3	CORE		3
		<b>17</b>			<b>17</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year - Fall</b>			<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year - Spring</b>		
BIOL 221* Anat. & Phys. I for Medical Studies		3	BIOL 222* Anat. & Phys. II for Medical Studies		3
BIOL 221L* Anat. & Phys. I Lab for Medical Studies		1	BIOL 222L* Anat. & Phys. II Lab for Medical Studies		1
BIOL 327* Immunology and Clinical Microbiology		3	BIOL 341* Topics in Biochem./Physiology/Genetics		3
BIOL 327L* Immunology and Clinical Micro. Lab		1	NEUR 342* Drugs & Behavior		3
NEUR 211* Neuroscience I		3	CORE		3
CORE		3	CORE		3
CORE		3			
		<b>17</b>			<b>16</b>

<b>PROFESSIONAL (DIDACTIC) PHASE (YEAR 4)</b>					
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>cr.</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>		<b>cr.</b>
PA 450 Diag. Methods I		6	PA 455 Diag Methods II		4
PA 554 Clin. Medicine I		3	PA 557 Clin Medicine III		5
PA 556 Clin. Medicine II		4	PA 558 Clin. Medicine IV		6
PA 475 Basic Med Sci I		5	PA 476 Basic Med. Sci. II		3
		<b>18</b>			<b>18</b>
					<b>6</b>

<b>PROFESSIONAL (CLINICAL) PHASE (YEAR 5)</b>							
PA 515 Emergency Medicine	6	PA 525 OB/GYN	6	PA 535 Psychiatry	6	PA 545 Family Practice I	6
PA 520 Internal Medicine	6	PA 530 Pediatrics	6	PA 540 General Surgery	6	PA 550 Family Practice II	6
						PA 555 Elective	6
						PA 560 Capstone	4