

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES



PAs are health care providers who are nationally certified and state licensed to practice medicine. As a part of their responsibilities, PAs perform physical exams, diagnose illnesses, develop and carry out treatment plans, order and interpret lab tests, assist in surgery, provide patient education and prescribe medications. Upon graduation, PAs take a national certification examination developed by the National Commission on Certification of PAs (NCCPA). PAs are employed in virtually all types of health care settings including private offices, clinics and hospitals. PAs can practice in almost any field of medicine including family practice, surgery, pediatrics, psychiatry and orthopedics to name a few.

PA Studies at King's 5-Year BS/MS Program

King's College offers a 5 year Master of Science Degree Program in Physician Assistant Studies. This program is composed of two parts: a three-year pre-professional phase and a two-year professional phase.

Pre-Professional Phase

The first three years (six academic semesters) of the 5-year BS/MS Program are considered the pre-professional phase. The pre-professional phase of the PA Program consists of Liberal Arts and PA Classes at King's and the pre-requisite sciences required to enter into the professional phase. Students in the pre-professional phase must meet or exceed the "progression criteria" in order to enter the professional phase of the PA program. Completion of 500 hours of patient care experience, including physician assistant shadowing, is part of the progression criteria. Successful comple-

tion of the written progression criteria allows the student to matriculate into the professional phase. The pre-professional phase is not part of the PA Program's accreditation status awarded by the ARC-PA.

Professional Phase

The term PA Program refers only to the Professional Phase of the Physician Assistant Program at King's College. The professional phase refers specifically to the full time twenty-four month training program. This program consists of twelve months of didactic instruction followed by twelve months of clinical instruction. Upon completion of this phase, students will graduate with a Master's Degree in Physician Assistant Studies. The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted **Accreditation-Continued** status to the **King's College Physician Assistant Program** sponsored by **King's College**. Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA *Standards*. Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the *Standards*. The approximate date

for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be March 2027. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the *Accreditation Standards* and ARC-PA policy. The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at arc-pa.org/accreditation/accredited-programs.

"King's graduated its first PA class in 1977. Our graduates practice medicine in communities across the country", states Diana Easton, Director of the Physician Assistant Studies Program. "Our highly esteemed program provides these communities with competent caring physician assistants through the dedicated work of our faculty and the committed support of our clinical preceptors."

Placement Highlights

Listed below are just a few of our many alumni who have found success:

- LT Keegan Fees '17, LT Danielle Lisnock '17, and LT Paul Boyer '17, Aerospace Physician Assistants for the US Navy.
- Alexandra Heavilon, '16, Hematology and Oncology, St. Luke's University Health Network in Bethlehem, PA.
- Beth Ann Grega, '16, Cardiac Surgery Team, Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD.

To learn more about majoring in Physician Assistant Studies at King's College, please contact the Office of Admission at 1-888-KINGS PA or admissions@kings.edu.

Physician Assistant (202 Credits - Five-Year BS/MS Program)

Suggested Sequence

A suggested course sequence of degree requirements is listed below. Refer to the college catalog for course titles, descriptions, and prerequisites. Always consult your Academic Advisor when planning and scheduling your classes.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PHASE (YEARS 1 – 3)					
1 st Year - Fall		cr.	1 st Year - Spring		cr.
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 Course		3	MATH 126 Introduction to Statistics		3
Core Course		3	Core Course		3
PA 100 Introduction to PA Essentials		1	Core Course		3
HCE 101 Holy Cross Experience		1			
		16			17
2 nd Year – Fall			2 nd Year – Spring		
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 Course		3	Core Course		3
Core Course		3	Core Course		3
Core Course		3	Core Course		3
PA 200 Fundamental PA Skills		1			
		18			17
3 rd Year – Fall			3 rd Year – Spring		
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 Course		3
Core Course		3	Core Course		3
PA300 Nutrition for Medical Studies		3	PA 201 PA Career Foundations		1
		17			17
PROFESSIONAL (DIDACTIC) PHASE (YEAR 4)					
Fall Semester	cr.	Spring Semester	cr.	Intersession Semester	cr.
PA 450 Diag. Methods I	4	PA 455 Diag. Methods II	4	PA 559 Clin. Medicine V	6
PA 554 Clin. Medicine I	4.5	PA 557 Clin. Medicine III	5	PA 565 Clin. Medicine VI	3
PA 556 Clin. Medicine II	4	PA 558 Clin. Medicine IV	5	PA 510 Founds of Clin Practice	3
PA 475 Basic Med Sci I	5.5	PA 476 Basic Med. Sci. II	4		
	18		18		12
PROFESSIONAL (CLINICAL) PHASE (YEAR 5)					
PA 515 Emergency Medicine	6	PA 525 OB/GYN	6	PA 535 Psychiatry	6
PA 520 Internal Medicine	6	PA 530 Pediatrics	6	PA 545 Family Practice I	6
				PA 555 Elective	6
				PA 560 Capstone	4
Total Credits Required for the Physician Assistant Studies Five-Year BS/MS Program = 202					