

# MARIST

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

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Speaking with the alumni and faculty during my interview displayed to me that the Physician Assistant program really emphasized a curriculum that focuses on educating well rounded providers that are not only strong academically but also in clinical skills.



**Sharon Fan '21**

### LAUNCH YOUR CAREER WITH MARIST'S PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (PA) STUDIES PROGRAM

The Master of Science-Physician Assistant (PA) Studies is a full-time, 24-month, 90-credit program designed to prepare students for the Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) and a successful career as a physician assistant.

Our PA facility is self-contained with a high-tech classroom, skills ward, and a suite of simulation labs including trauma, surgery, and state of the art gross anatomy. In addition, our facility has a traditional gross anatomy laboratory that will support the learning experience.



The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the Marist College Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Marist 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remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the Standards.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 2030. 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 <http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-marist-college/>

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

The best way to find out about our programs is to attend an open house or virtual information session! Visit [marist.edu/rsvp](http://marist.edu/rsvp) to RSVP.



Scan to see upcoming events.

## MISSION

The Marist Physician Assistant Studies program is committed to graduating entry-level, competent healthcare providers trained to practice ethically and culturally sensitive medicine in a team environment, and who will be lifelong learners with a commitment to community service and the overall success of the profession.

## CURRICULUM

### FIRST YEAR (12 MONTHS, DIDACTIC)

#### *Semester I (Summer) 20 credits*

▶ PA 601	Human Anatomy	4
▶ PA 602	Human Physiology	3
▶ PA 603	Clinical Medicine I	4
▶ PA 604	Physical Diagnostics	3
▶ PA 605	Physical Diagnostics Lab	2
▶ PA 607	PA History, Policy and Regulation	1
▶ PA 613	Clinical Pathology	3

#### *Semester II (Fall) 19 credits*

▶ PA 608	Clinical Pharmacology	4
▶ PA 609	Clinical Medicine II	4
▶ PA 610	Clinical Diagnostics	3
▶ PA 611	Clinical Diagnostics Lab	2
▶ PA 612	Medical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases	3
▶ PA 614	Imaging & Diagnostics Testing	3

#### *Semester III (Spring) 18 credits*

▶ PA 606	Ethics in HealthCare Delivery	2
▶ PA 615	Behavioral Medicine	3
▶ PA 616	Clinical Medicine III	4
▶ PA 617	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	3
▶ PA 618	Emergency Medicine	3
▶ PA 621	Comprehensive Diagnosis	3

### SECOND YEAR (12 MONTHS, CLINICAL ROTATIONS) 33 CREDITS

- ▶ PA 620 Medical Literature/Seminar
- ▶ PA 701 Clinical I—Family Medicine
- ▶ PA 702 Clinical II—Internal Medicine
- ▶ PA 703 Clinical III—General Surgery
- ▶ PA 704 Clinical IV—Pediatrics
- ▶ PA 705 Clinical V—OB/GYN
- ▶ PA 706 Clinical VI—Behavioral & Mental Health
- ▶ PA 707 Clinical VII—Emergency Medicine
- ▶ PA 708 Clinical VIII—Geriatrics/Other Elective
- ▶ PA 709 Clinical IX—Elective
- ▶ PA 710 Capping/Exit Exam

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All application materials must be sent to CASPA. All applications must be verified by December 1st. Admission requirements must be completed by January 15th.

- ▶ Minimum of 500 clinical hours that includes direct, hands-on patient care
- ▶ Completion of the following prerequisite courses:
  - ▶ No time limit:
    - ▶ General Biology I with Lab (4 credits)
    - ▶ General Biology II with Lab (4 credits)
    - ▶ General Chemistry I with Lab (4 credits)
    - ▶ General Chemistry II with Lab (4 credits)
    - ▶ Statistics (3 credits)
  - ▶ Seven-year time limit (any of these courses taken before Fall 2017 will not be accepted):
    - ▶ Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab (4 credits)
    - ▶ Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab (4 credits)
    - ▶ Microbiology with Lab (4 credits)
    - ▶ Organic Chemistry I with Lab (4 credits)
    - ▶ Biochemistry I **OR** Organic Chemistry II (3 credits—lab not required)
- ▶ Applicants that have taken all the prerequisite coursework with a grade of “C” or above but have not met the seven-year recency requirement may take the PA-CAT (pa-cat.com) examination to be considered in the application process. Please note that the application will not be considered until the score report is received.
- ▶ The academic standard for admission is a 3.0 GPA overall, combined with a 3.0 GPA for science courses and a 3.0 BCP GPA. All of the above courses must be completed with grades of “C” or above.
- ▶ Three letters of recommendation must be received for an application to be complete. At least one reference should be from a Physician or PA and one from a supervisor. Only three letters will be evaluated.
- ▶ The GRE is not required for admission.
- ▶ TOEFL score (if high school graduate outside of the United States), reviewed on a case by case basis.
- ▶ Medical Terminology must be completed prior to matriculation in the program.

