



<b>2ND YEAR</b>			
PAS 600	Family Medicine Rotation		5
PAS 610	Internal Medicine Rotation		5
PAS 620	Emergency Medicine Rotation		5
PAS 630	General Surgery Rotation		5
PAS 640	Pediatric Rotation		5
PAS 650	Behavioral Health Rotation		5
PAS 660	Women's Health Rotation		5
PAS 670	Orthopedic Rotation		5
PAS 700	Elective I Rotation		5
			<b>TOTAL HOURS 45</b>

## PROGRAM CURRICULUM

<b>SPRING SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS</b>			
PAS 505	The Medical Interview and Physical Examination with Lab		3
PAS 585	Preventive Medicine Across the Life Span & Population Health		2
BIO 515	Human Anatomy for Physician Assistant with Lab		5
BIO 520	Genetics and Disease Screening		3
BIO 525	Medical Physiology for Physician Assistant		3
PAS 550	Clinical Approach to Behavioral Health		2
			<b>TOTAL HOURS 18</b>


<b>SUMMER SEMESTER</b>			
PAS 530	Pharmacology I		3
PAS 535	Principles of Medicine I		4
PAS 540	Patient Assessment I with Lab		3
PAS 545	Clinical Skills in Medicine I with Lab		2
PAS 515	Evidence Based Medicine and Nutrition		2
			<b>TOTAL HOURS 14</b>

<b>FALL SEMESTER</b>			
PAS 500	PA Profession: Evolving Issues in Medicine & Ethics		2
PAS 555	Pharmacology II		3
PAS 560	Principles of Medicine II		6
PAS 565	Clinical Decision Making		2
PAS 570	Patient Assessment II with Lab		3
PAS 575	Clinical Skills in Medicine II with Lab		2
			<b>TOTAL HOURS 18</b>

<b>3RD YEAR</b>			
PAS 705	Elective II Rotation		5
PAS 708	Elective - Special Populations		5
PAS 710	Summative Evaluation		4
			<b>TOTAL HOURS 14</b>
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS 109</b>			

The MSJ Physician Assistant (PA) Program has implemented the Healer's Art course into the curriculum for all students. For more information, visit [rishiprograms.org/healers-art](http://rishiprograms.org/healers-art).





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## MASTERS IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES (PA)

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**PROGRAM FEATURES**  
 Mount St. Joseph University's Physician Assistant (PA) Program prepares students to become outstanding clinicians fully prepared to deliver quality health care in an ever-changing environment. The 27-month, graduate degree program emphasizes critical thinking and life-long learning through its use of hands-on patient care and state-of-the-art technology.

**FORMAT**  
 The first year includes 12 months of classroom training including anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, clinical medicine, genetics, diagnostic lab, EKG, physical exam, and clinical skills. Second year students will complete clinical rotations in family medicine, internal medicine, general surgery, women's health, pediatrics, emergency medicine, orthopedics, and behavioral health, along with three student-selected elective rotations. Following the clinical phase, students complete a comprehensive summative evaluation.



*"I valued that faculty and staff were open to feedback from students and always looking for ways to improve our learning experience and understanding of material."*

*- Barbara Battaglia '21, PA-C*



## DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

**Mission** - The specific mission of the Physician Assistant Program is to educate outstanding, compassionate clinicians, fully prepared to deliver high quality, accessible health care while demonstrating commitment to life-long learning and ethical practice.

**Vision** - The Mount St. Joseph University Physician Assistant Program graduates will be recognized for their leadership and the quality of health care they provide, exemplifying professionalism, empathy, and an attitude of service to others.

*"Overall, I have been very pleased with the students rotating with me by MSJ. The preparedness, especially with documentation and procedures, has made their transition into the emergency department smooth and successful."*

*- Cora Mikesell, PA-C*



## ACCREDITATION

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the Mount St. Joseph University Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Mount St. Joseph University. 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 2032 March. 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 [www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-mt-st-joseph-university/](http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-mt-st-joseph-university/).

## ADMISSION CRITERIA

Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and science GPA of 3.0.

Course of study must include the successful completion (grade of "C-" or higher) of the following courses with labs as indicated (+)

- General Chemistry\*+
- Organic Chemistry+
- Biochemistry
- General Biology\*+
- Microbiology
- Anatomy and Physiology\*+
- Developmental Psychology
- Statistics.

\*One year + Lab required

Pre-requisite course work has to have been completed within 10 years of matriculation (at the start of the Program in January), except for Anatomy & Physiology I and II with lab, which needs to be completed within 5 years of matriculation.

### Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) Submission

- The application cycle opens each year in April and can be accessed at: [caspa.liaisoncas.com](http://caspa.liaisoncas.com).

### Three letters of Recommendation

- One letter from a physician assistant

### Healthcare Experience

- Minimum of 500 hours of health related experience that may be paid or voluntary
- Minimum of 40 hours of in-person shadowing a physician assistant in a clinical setting

### TOEFL iBT

- This requirement is for international students or those students who did not attend a high school where English is the primary language. Information can be accessed at [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl).
- A minimum score of 104 is required with at least a score of 26 in each of the following categories: reading, listening, speaking, and writing.

**Preference** will be given to those applicants who are:

- Graduates of Mount St. Joseph University
- Veterans of the Armed Forces
- Residents of Greater Cincinnati
- Over 200 direct-patient-care hours
- Professional demeanor exhibited in correspondence with the program during the application process
- Over 20 non-healthcare volunteer or community enrichment experience hours within 5 years of matriculation
- Over 40 hours of physician assistant (PA) shadowing experience from multiple settings
- A cumulative or science GPA that surpasses a 3.0

No applicant who was dismissed from or discontinued their participation in a health professional program due to an academic deficiency, or non-academic policy violation(s), will be considered for admission.

There is no acceleration or advanced standing in the program regardless of prior experience or degree.

## MEET THE MOUNT

Go to [www.msjeu/visit](http://www.msjeu/visit) to explore your options and select the visit format that meets your needs.

*"The faculty cares so much about the students and are dedicated to ensuring their success. This was very motivating and made me work that much harder to make them proud. I also made several lifelong friends thanks to the tight knit group!"*

*- Huston Dockery '21, PA-C*

