



## Master of Physician Assistant Practice

### Procedure for Evaluating Applicants

Admission to the University of Dayton PA department is highly competitive. In order to be considered for the interview process prior to admission, all applicants must have achieved all of these prerequisite elements prior to matriculation:

- All applications will be submitted to the Central Application Service of Physician Assistants (CASPA) at <https://portal.caspaonline.org>
- Applications must be verified through CASPA by November 1 of the year prior to the expected date of matriculation. Applications remaining unverified by CASPA for any reason after the November 1 deadline will not be processed.
- Earned bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution (or will be completed prior to matriculation).
  - Cumulative undergraduate and prerequisite non-natural science GPA of 3.00.
  - Only grades of C or above will be considered. A C- will not qualify for consideration into the prerequisite GPA
  - Prerequisite natural science course GPA of 3.00.
- Complete prerequisite courses.\* (If an applicant has completed their prerequisite courses in a quarter system, please convert to semester hours using the following: each quarter hour of credit divided by 1.5 = semester credit hours. For ex: a 6 quarter hour course = 4 semester hours )
  - Human anatomy with lab: 4 semester hours
  - Human physiology with lab: 4 semester hours
  - Microbiology with lab: 3-4 semester hours
  - Organic chemistry with lab: 8 semester hours
  - Biochemistry (lab preferred): 3-4 semester hours
  - General psychology: 3 semester hours
  - Second psychology course: 3 semester hours (i.e.: life span development, abnormal psychology)
  - Statistics: 3-4 semester hours
  - Medical terminology: 2-3 semester hours

*\*Applicants can apply prior to completing all prerequisite courses with the following conditions:*

- *No more than two outstanding science courses.*
  - *All outstanding course(s) must be able to be completed prior to matriculation.*
  - *Any prerequisite courses completed after acceptance must meet the admission GPA. All science courses must have been successfully completed within 10 years prior to application. Any exceptions would be presented to the Department Chair for individual consideration.*
- Advance placement courses will qualify for meeting course requirements, but will not calculate into the required GPA. Each applicant is limited to 2 advance placement courses.
  - Graduate Record Examination
    - The GRE is not required for admission to the University of Dayton Physician Assistant Program.



- Provide proof of health care experience.
  - Minimum requirement of 250 hours, which can be met through observing/shadowing or participating in patient care (volunteer work is accepted).
  - Applicants are responsible for arranging their shadowing experience and will submit verification of health care hours form (available on the UD PA web site).
- Provide proof of physician assistant shadowing.
  - A minimum 20 hours shadowing an NCCPA certified physician assistant.
  - Applicants are responsible for arranging their shadowing experience and will submit verification of shadowing hours form (available on the UD PA web site).
- Provide proof of community service experience.
  - Students will obtain a minimum of 20 hours of community service.
  - Applicants are responsible for arranging their community service experience and will submit verification of community service hours form (available on the UD PA web site).
- Three (3) letters of recommendation; at least one should be from a recent college professor and one from a health care professional who has known the applicant for at least six (6) months. Reference letters from relatives will not be accepted.
- Advanced Standing/Transfer Students: Due to the variance in curricula among PA schools throughout the country, no student will be admitted as a transfer from another program. There will be no advanced standing offered to any student; all applicants must meet all admission requirements and complete all coursework in the curriculum regardless of past academic background.
- International Students: All international students should consult the University of Dayton international admissions for complete details of requirements at [goglobal@udayton.edu](mailto:goglobal@udayton.edu). If you have further questions and wish to speak with an individual, you may contact the Office of International Admission at 937-229-1850 or toll free at 855-664-5623.
- Interview
  - Students will be selected for the interview process based on evaluation of their completed application. This interview is an essential part of the selection process used for PA students at UD. Students will be assessed on their communication abilities, both written and oral, as well as their interpersonal skills. Completion of prerequisites does NOT guarantee an interview.

**Candidate Selection for Admission:**

- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Successful interview which includes:
  - satisfactory written and oral communication skills
  - demonstrated maturity, motivation, and interest in the UD and PA Department mission
- Knowledge of the PA profession
- Vote of acceptance by the Admission Committee of the Department of Physician Assistant Education



### Notifying Applicants

After careful review of all application and interview information, the Admission Committee will designate one of the following categories for each interviewed applicant:

- Accepted
  - Complete Acceptance: all prerequisite courses and admission requirements are complete
  - Provisional Acceptance: each student will receive in writing the outstanding requirements needed for complete acceptance.
- Waiting list
  - Applicant meets admission requirements and may be admitted if accepted applicants forfeit their seat in the program.
- Not Accepted

All interviewees will be notified of their admission status in writing.

### Deposit

If accepted, a \$1,000 non-refundable deposit is required and will be applied to the first semester's tuition.

### Other criteria:

- **Immunizations:** current immunizations are required as determined by the CDC recommendations for health care providers.
- **Technical Standards:** The Technical Standards are available on the UD PA web site.
- **Background Check / Drug Screen:** All students will be required to undergo a criminal background check (both state and federal) and drug screen prior to being accepted into the PA program and prior to beginning the clinical year. Please understand the findings of such a check could disqualify you from being accepted into the program. All background check costs are the responsibility of the student.

**Employment during the PA program:** Due to the intense nature of the PA curriculum students are not encouraged to continue employment during the program. Those that continue to do so put themselves at risk for unsuccessful performance.

**Tuition:** Tuition for the 2014-2015 academic year (three semesters) will be \$32,358 and will include various program associated expenses such as medical equipment, lab coat and scrubs, testing and clinical tracking software, exam fees (includes but not limited to: OSCE, PACKRAT, ACLS) and national / state association membership. Tuition for the 2015-2016 academic year is subject to change.

### Additional Program Expenses

- iPad tablet device will be required and must be 3<sup>rd</sup> generation or newer. Tablet devices will be used for testing and as a reference device during the clinical year. Approximately \$329.00 to \$729.00 based on device and memory.
- Textbooks approximately \$1,200.00 to \$1,500.00
- Software and tablet applications may be required throughout the didactic and/or clinical year. Approximately \$150.00 per year.
- Background checks: two, at approximately \$105.50 per check
- Drug Screens: two, at approximately \$37.00 per check
- Immunization tracking \$35.00
- Immunization cost, based on individual need
- CPR: Prior to fall semester of second year, approximately \$78.00
- Campus parking permit \$170.00 per year
- Room (campus apartments) \$4,000 to \$5,300 per semester
- Board (campus meal plan) \$2,300 per semester