

## Mission Statement

The School of Physician Assistant Studies prepares and mentors students within an innovative curriculum to provide quality primary and specialty care for a diverse global community focusing on underserved and rural populations.

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Pacific University's PA Program is offered over seven consecutive semesters, taking 27 months to complete. The program emphasizes problem-based, team-based learning, small group sessions, diversity awareness, evidence-based healthcare, interprofessional activities, integration of simulation technology and the use of standardized patients in the educational process. We encourage you to visit [our website](#) for the most up to date information. In addition to the information below, [class averages](#), [application deadlines](#) and [tuition information](#) can be found on our website. [Virtual Information Sessions](#) are typically held January-July and dates can be found on our website.

Pacific University uses a holistic admissions process and does not conduct rolling admissions. The Physician Assistant Program Admissions Committee considers the following factors in the selection process:

### Strength and Breadth of Academic Record

- An applicant can have prerequisites in progress at the time of application. All prerequisite courses must be completed by December 31st of the year prior to entering. For example, if an applicant is applying for entry in May 2023, their prerequisites need to be completed by December 31, 2022.
- The CASPA BCP (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) GPA and Last 45 Credits GPA must be a 3.0 or higher. The Last 45 Credit GPA is calculated in semester credits and includes your most recent courses taken. It would include courses taken after your bachelor's degree, if applicable. Applicants with a higher GPA increase their likelihood of an interview invitation.
- To ensure academic coursework will fulfill our requirements, complete an [Unofficial Prerequisite Evaluation](#). Directions to submit are on the form.
- If an applicant will not obtain a Bachelor's Degree prior to enrollment at Pacific University, please review our [Bachelor's Degree Completion Option](#).
- The School of Physician Assistant Studies does not grant advanced standing for any coursework and does not accept transfer credit from any other program.

### Type and Depth of Prior Health Care Experience

- Applicants must demonstrate a minimum of 1,000 hours of direct [patient care experience](#) within a health-care setting. The method to document this experience is through the [CASPA online application](#). Please note: The Admissions Committee will consider the total number of hours accumulated, "at the time" you submit your CASPA application. No consideration will be given to hours projected for the future.

### Strength of Professional Evaluations

- We require two professional evaluations; it is *recommended* that at least one evaluation be obtained from a (non-relative/personal) Physician Assistant with whom you have worked with or shadowed. It is not required to have a PA evaluation. We prefer medical professionals over academic contacts. The method to obtain professional evaluations is through the [CASPA online application](#).

### Strength of Personal Interview

### Understanding of the Physician Assistant Profession

### Type of Community Activities

### Content of Application Forms and Care With Which they Have Been Completed

### Quality of Writing Ability as Demonstrated by Application Essays

### Ability to perform the [Essential Functions](#)

**We look forward to talking with you about how Pacific can help you achieve your goals.**