



# MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

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**COMPLETE  
IN JUST  
27 MONTHS**

The Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) program is designed to train outstanding PAs who are compassionate, patient-centered providers. Explore an environment where you will engage in clinical training experiences among diverse patient populations.

U.S. News & World Report (2021) named Physician Assistant the #1 Best Job, and the program was ranked #2 in the nation by the Rural Health Research Center (2016) for producing a high proportion of graduates that go on to work in rural healthcare. Your clinical training will include rotations throughout the underserved regions of New Hampshire and Vermont.

The program is unique in its emphasis on collaborative medicine and support of life-long learning. Develop hands-on, practical skills at the Lebanon, New Hampshire campus. In addition to classroom instruction, local clinical experience is a vital component to the program. Full-time courses are designed for program completion in 27 months.



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## PROGRAM GOALS

1. Prepare students to function as competent health-care providers in a primary care setting.
2. Nurture student progress to optimize professional growth and retention.
3. Recruit students from rural and underserved communities, particularly those from New Hampshire and Vermont.
4. Train students in rural and medically underserved communities with a focus on New Hampshire and Vermont.
5. Graduate students who practice in rural medically underserved communities with emphasis on New Hampshire and Vermont.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.
- Achievement of a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a science GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Successful completion of the following pre-requisite coursework with a grade of “C” or better:
  - Anatomy & Physiology I and II (4 credits each, w/lab)
  - Chemistry I and II (4 credits each, w/lab)
  - Biology (4 credits each, w/lab - Note: Botany and Zoology courses are NOT acceptable)
  - Microbiology (4 credits, w/lab)
  - Statistics (3 credits)
  - Organic Chemistry **OR** Biochemistry (4 credits each, w/lab)

In addition, the following courses are recommended:

- Genetics
- Immunology
- Cell Biology
- Nutrition
- Psychology

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are accepted through the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) at [caspaonline.org](http://caspaonline.org). All applications must be submitted and completed by November 1 for the following year, and will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Supplemental materials include an updated résumé, three letters of recommendation, and a signed P.A. Shadowing Form reflecting a minimum of 20 shadowing hours completed with a PA-C.

Applications and supplemental materials will be reviewed and ranked for consideration of an invitation to interview. All graduates of Franklin Pierce University and The University of Vermont Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Program who meet the minimum criteria for admission will receive an invitation to interview. No entrance examinations are required for admission to the program. Faculty will review otherwise qualified applications when there are two or fewer outstanding prerequisites.

## BASED ON 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

Number of credit hours: 126

Term tuition: \$12,860

Franklin Pierce offers personal support through our enrollment team and an academic advisor to assist with onboarding, paving the way for student success. Our teams are ready to help you reach your career and educational goals.