

Physician Assistant Program

+ Doisy College of Health Sciences

Saint Louis University is a world-class Catholic, Jesuit institution educating nearly 13,000 students on two dynamic, urban campuses - in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Founded in 1818, the University has begun its bicentennial celebration.

With a legacy of innovative academics and research, compassionate health care and faithful service, Saint Louis University attracts a diverse community of scholars who push intellectual boundaries in pursuit of creative, meaningful ways to impact the world, striving to serve a higher purpose and seek a greater good.

OVERVIEW ///

The mission of the Saint Louis University PA program is to educate men and women to become competent, compassionate physician assistants dedicated to excellence in health care and to the service of humanity. SLU's resources allow the PA program to draw on a vast network of experts in their respective fields for lectures and clinical experience.

The PA program is a 27-month, year-round graduate program with a rigorous didactic and clinical curriculum that provides a broad foundation in medicine and surgery. The Master of Medical Science (M.M.S.) degree is awarded upon program completion. A total of 46 students are selected to begin the program in August of each year.

The department strives to empower students as socially responsible learners to help assure high quality care and advocacy for each patient whose life is touched by PA program students or graduates. In addition to their academic and clinical obligations, students are involved in community service, including the student-run free clinic (the Health Resource Center or HRC) and are encouraged to become involved in state/national PA activities.

The educational facilities available to PA students provide an exceptional learning environment and include a medical library, classrooms, a computer laboratory, a lecture hall, a 300-seat auditorium and a simulated medical office with eight exam rooms.

Recognition:

As one of the first physician assistant programs in the country, Saint Louis University has maintained a tradition of academic excellence and earned a national reputation as a solid leader in physician assistant education.

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant has granted Accreditation-Continued to the Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Saint Louis 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 organization's Accreditation Standards. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be March 2023. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy.

CONTACT INFORMATION ///

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APPLICATION DEADLINE ///

M.M.S.

FALL { Nov. 1

SPRING { N/A

SUMMER { N/A

Deadlines for assistantships are listed online.

DEGREES AND PROGRAMS OFFERED ///

Master of Medical Science (M.M.S.)

COURSES AVAILABLE ///

DAYS NIGHTS WEEKENDS ONLINE

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS ///

- CASPA application, including three letters of reference
- SLU supplemental application and processing fee
- Interview (for individuals invited to the second phase of the application process)

ADMISSION CRITERIA ///

- Baccalaureate degree
- Science GPA of at least 3.0
- Overall GPA of at least 3.0
- Successful completion of these courses: medical terminology, statistics, college chemistry I and II, organic chemistry I and II, microbiology, vertebrate or human anatomy, vertebrate or human physiology, and genetics
- At least 500 hours of health care experience



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FACULTY ///

The principal faculty of the department of physician assistant education offer a breadth of background and experience in health care and education. In addition, many area physicians, PAs and other health professionals provide instruction in the PA program, as well as basic science faculty from within the University.

A. Caroline Chang, M.M.S, PA-C

Carol R. Danter, M.P.A.S., PA-C

Genevieve DelRosario, M.H.S., PA-C

Anne C. Hart Garanzini, M.Ed., PA-C

Rhonda Pulver, M.S., PA-C

Fred Rottnek, M.D., MAHCM (Medical Director)

Chezna W. Warner, M.H.S., M.S.W., PA-C

Christine Werner, Ph.D., RD, PA-C

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS ///

Career Paths:

Physician assistants are employed in essentially every medical and surgical specialty and subspecialty in which physicians are employed. PAs work with in hospitals, clinics, offices and other settings. They obtain histories, perform physical exams, order labs and other various diagnostic tests and interpret the results, diagnose and treat patients, counsel and educate patients, assist in surgery and prescribe medications.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT ///

Information concerning financial aid and scholarships can be obtained from the student financial services website: finaid.slu.edu.



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