



MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT DIRECT ENTRY PROGRAM

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MPAS DIRECT ENTRY

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The Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) program is designed to train outstanding PAs who are compassionate, patient-centered providers. Our MPAS programs are unique in their emphasis on collaborative medicine and support of life-long learning. As a student, you will develop hands-on, practical skills at one of our academic centers in Lebanon, N.H. (on-site), Goodyear, A.Z. (hybrid), or Round Rock T.X. (hybrid) earning your degree in as few as 24 months. PAs are medical professionals who diagnose illness, develop and manage treatment plans, prescribe medications, and often serve as a patient's principal healthcare provider. With thousands of hours of medical training, PAs are versatile and collaborative. PAs practice in every state and in every medical setting and specialty, improving healthcare access and quality. Employment of PAs is projected to grow 28 percent from 2021 to 2031, much faster than the average for all occupations.

Beyond classroom instruction, clinical training experiences are a vital program component. Students who are enrolled in our MPAS programs will have clinical rotations throughout the country.

MPAS Direct Entry Application Deadlines: All materials must be received by Franklin Pierce by May 1. Prior to entering the MPAS program, students will also be required to submit individual applications for each program via CASPA. Please refer to each program's website for CASPA submission deadlines.



EARN YOUR MASTER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT DEGREE IN AS FEW AS 6 YEARS.

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REQUIREMENTS

Requirement for applicants seeking admission to the MPAS Direct Entry Program include:

- Minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) in academic courses only of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale (89/100)
- Equivalent of four years of math with a final grade of B+ (87/100) or higher in each class.
- Equivalent of four years of science with a final grade of B+ (87/100) or higher.
- Demonstrated leadership through community and school activities; related healthcare experience is highly desirable.

For additional favorable consideration: Resident of a rural and/or medically underserved area, or healthcare experience with populations from a rural and/or medically underserved area (paid or volunteer).

OUR CENTERS

New Hampshire (on-site)

The New Hampshire-based, on-site, 27-month program operates at our academic center in West Lebanon, N.H. Along with classroom and lab work, the program includes at least seven supervised clinical practice experiences at various sites, with an emphasis on rural placement, to prepare for licensure and clinical practice.

For more information on the New Hampshire-based MPAS program, please visit the program website at <https://www.franklinpiercedu/academics/programs/physician-assistant/nh-in-person/>.

Arizona (hybrid)

The Arizona-based program provides hands-on, practical skills during scheduled immersion weeks at the Goodyear, Arizona academic center. In addition to online instruction, in-person clinical experience is a vital component to the program. Full-time courses are designed for program completion in 24 months.

For more information on the Arizona-based MPAS program, please visit the program website at <https://www.franklinpiercedu/academics/programs/physician-assistant/hybrid/index.html>.

Texas (hybrid)

The Texas-based program provides hands-on, practical skills during scheduled immersion weeks at the Round Rock, Texas academic center. In addition to online instruction, in-person clinical experience is a vital component to the program. Full-time courses are designed for program completion in 24 months.

For more information on the Texas-based MPAS program, please visit the program website at <https://www.franklinpiercedu/academics/programs/physician-assistant/tx-hybrid/>.

N.H.: The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the Franklin Pierce University Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Franklin Pierce 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 September 2027. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy. 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.

A.Z.: The ARC-PA has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the Franklin Pierce University Master of Physician Assistant Studies Hybrid Program sponsored by Franklin Pierce University. Accreditation-Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program's ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards or when a program holding Accreditation-Provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the Standards as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students. Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class. The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website.

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If you have already been admitted to Franklin Pierce, download and complete the one-page [Application Addendum](#). Please mail the completed form and any supporting documentation to:

Franklin Pierce University | Office of Admissions
40 University Drive | Rindge, NH 03461

PROGRESSION QUALIFICATIONS

To successfully progress from undergraduate studies into the MPAS program, you must meet the following qualifications, which will be evaluated at the end of your junior year:

- Successfully complete the following courses with a grade of "B+" or better:
 - Anatomy & Physiology I (4 credits with lab)
 - Anatomy & Physiology II (4 credits with lab)
 - Biology (8 credits with lab for A.Z., 4 credits with lab for N.H.)
 - Chemistry I (4 credits with lab)
 - Chemistry II (4 credits with lab)
 - Microbiology (4 credits with lab)
 - Statistics (3 credits)
 - Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry (4 credits with lab)
 - Psychology (A.Z. only)
- Achieve a minimum CGPA of 3.5 and a science CGPA of 3.5
- Complete at least twenty (20) hours of shadowing a Physician Assistant in a clinical setting
- Complete a minimum of 500 hours of direct patient care, including evidence of healthcare experience with populations from rural or underserved areas (can be paid or volunteer)
- Leadership Skills for Healthcare Professions course taken during the last 2 undergraduate years
- PA pre-matriculation course (between graduation in May and November start)
- Complete the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) application



If you fail to meet progression standards for the MPAS Direct Entry pathway, you will be encouraged to apply for traditional entry during your senior year. Admission is competitive and is based on performance and space availability.

Admission to the Program can be denied or revoked by Franklin Pierce University at any time should events occur that would cause Franklin Pierce University to question a student's suitability to pursue a career in medicine. Such events may include but are not limited to the student's engagement in criminal activity, academic dishonesty or unprofessional conduct.