

Master of Science in Physician Associate Studies (MSPA)

The MSPA program is a full-time, 28-month, year-round graduate program that consists of 124 semester credit hours completed over seven semesters. The program is divided into a 16-month didactic phase and a 12-month clinical phase. The clinical phase includes a capstone project and eight 6-week clinical rotations in a range of disciplines and healthcare settings. In addition to seven core disciplines, students also complete one clinical elective rotation. Following each clinical rotation, students return to campus for callback day activities, including written examinations, practical exams, journal clubs, and case presentations.

Program Requirements

Fall 1 Courses	Credits
MSPA 5101 PA Professional Practice I	1.0
MSPA 5121 Basic Medical Sciences	4.0
MSPA 5131 Patient Assessment I	3.0
MSPA 5141 Clinical and Diagnostic Skills I	1.0
MSPA 5151 Evidence-Based Medicine	3.0
MSPA 5161 Community Health	2.0
MSPA 5171 Medical Anatomy and Physiology	5.0
Subtotal	19.0



Program Requirements

Spring 1 Courses	Credits
MSPA 5102 PA Professional Practice II	2.0
MSPA 5201 Clinical Medicine I	6.0
MSPA 5211 Pharmacotherapeutics I	3.0
MSPA 5132 Patient Assessment II	3.0
MSPA 5142 Clinical and Diagnostic Skills II	4.0
MSPA 5221 Clinical Integration and Application I	2.0
Subtotal	20.0

Program Requirements

Summer 1 Courses	Credits
MSPA 5103 PA Professional Practice III	2.0
MSPA 5202 Clinical Medicine II	6.0
MSPA 5212 Pharmacotherapeutics II	3.0
MSPA 5133 Patient Assessment III	3.0
MSPA 5143 Clinical and Diagnostic Skills III	4.0
MSPA 5222 Clinical Integration and Application II	2.0
Subtotal	20.0



Program Requirements

Fall 2 Courses	Credits
MSPA 5104 PA Professional Practice IV	1.0
MSPA 5203 Clinical Medicine III	4.0
MSPA 5213 Pharmacotherapeutics III	3.0
MSPA 5134 Patient Assessment IV	3.0
MSPA 5144 Clinical and Diagnostic Skills IV	3.0
MSPA 5223 Clinical Integration and Application III	2.0
MSPA 5401 Fundamentals of Surgery and Emergency Medicine	5.0
Subtotal	21.0

During the clinical phase, students will complete a series of three didactic courses, during which they will also develop and complete a Capstone project. Each student will complete a total of eight six-week Supervised Clinical Practice Experiences (SCPEs) across the disciplines listed below, including one elective SCPE in a discipline of the student's choice. All students are required to complete each of the eight SCPEs, though the order of completion may vary. Upon completion of the final SCPE, students must participate in a program-provided PANCE review course. This course is offered for zero academic credit and is graded on a pass/fail basis based on participation and attendance.

Program Requirements

Spring 2 Courses	Credits
MSPA 6101 Advanced PA Professional Practice I	1.0
MSPA 6111 Supervised Clinical Practice Experience I	5.0
MSPA 6112 Supervised Clinical Practice Experience II	5.0
MSPA 6113 Supervised Clinical Practice Experience III (will complete in Summer semester)	5.0
Subtotal	16.0



Program Requirements

Summer 2 Courses	Credits
MSPA 6102 Advanced PA Professional Practice II	1.0
MSPA 6114 Supervised Clinical Practice Experience IV	5.0
MSPA 6115 Supervised Clinical Practice Experience V	5.0
Subtotal	11.0

Program Requirements

Fall 3 Courses	Credits
MSPA 6103 Advanced PA Professional Practice III	2.0
MSPA 6116 Supervised Clinical Practice Experience VI	5.0
MSPA 6117 Supervised Clinical Practice Experience VII	5.0
MSPA 6118 Supervised Clinical Practice Experience VIII	5.0
MSPA 6104 PANCE Review Course	0.0
Subtotal	17.0



Program Requirements

SCPE Types

Students are required to complete each of the following Sections for MSPA 6111-6118 Supervised Clinical Practice Experiences. Each experience is 5 credit hours as above.

Family Medicine (Section A)

Emergency Medicine (Section B)

Internal Medicine (Section C)

Surgery (Section D)

Pediatrics (Section E)

Women's Health (Section F)

Behavioral and Mental Health (Section G)

Clinical Elective (Section H)