PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (PA)

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The Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Program trains a new generation of qualified and dedicated advanced practice professionals with a focus on providing safe, patient-centered care to underserved populations in metropolitan and rural settings.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- 25-month curriculum (January start)
- 12-month didactic
- 12-month clinical (7 core rotations, 2 electives)
- 1-month capstone

PURSUE A REGIONAL IMPACT

Physician assistants in Indiana are underutilized (37.6 PAs per 100K population) compared to the national average (56 PAs per 100K population).

- Approximately 60% of rural Indiana counties have zero PAs
- Physician assistants are one of the solutions to the access to care issues in Indiana, especially for underserved populations

What makes the Franklin College MSPA program special?

- Small class size in a dedicated teaching space
- Patient-centered humanistic healthcare focus
- Emphasis on community engagement and underserved populations
- Skill-rich labs incorporated into every semester (ECG, intubation, spirometry, suturing, and more)
- Diagnostic ultrasound taught, practiced and utilized
- Interprofessional events throughout curriculum
- Both in and out-of-state clinical sites available

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Special Considerations

Applicants who meet any of the following criteria will receive additional consideration in the admissions process for each criterion met. Students must declare all applicable criterion under the Franklin College section of their CASPA application to be considered.

- Applicant is a graduate of Franklin College
- Applicant is from a medically underserved area in Indiana as designated by the Indiana State Department of Health
- Applicant is a current or former member of the US military
- Additionally, the program gives preference to applicants with: higher cumulative and BCP GPAs, higher Junior/Senior/Grad GPA, more direct patient care hours, a higher quality of patient care hours, higher shadowing hours (and higher number of different specialties shadowed), higher quality personal statements, stronger professional references, stronger mission match

FAQs

- CASPA, the application service for physician assistants, opens at the end of April each year
- Application deadline: September 1 with "completed status"
- Cohort size: 24
- GRE: Not required

Accreditation

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the Franklin College Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Program sponsored by Franklin College. 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 2033. 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 at **https://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-franklin-college/**.

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