

# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

## MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE (M.M.S.)

ORLANDO CAMPUS

**NSU** Florida

### At a Glance

- Earn your degree in 144 credit hours.
- Program starts in May.

### Program Format

- Program is offered at the NSU Orlando Campus.
- The 27-month program features 15 months of face-to-face didactic instruction, followed by 12 months of clinical training.

### Program Highlights

- exceptional student outcomes, plus alumni involvement as clinical preceptors and didactic instructional faculty members
- community service opportunities, including local events

Department of  
Physician Assistant

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## Join a Profession with Limitless Possibilities

The demand for physician assistants (PAs) is soaring, as the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics projects 31 percent growth through 2028 and six-figure average annual earnings. But it's critical to choose the right program that prepares you for a rapidly changing healthcare world.

NSU's M.M.S. in Physician Assistant program prides itself on providing outstanding student/professor ratios among faculty members with terminal or advanced degrees in their professions. Close collaboration about curriculum and careful resource management have resulted in continuously positive results for our students.

Becoming a PA at NSU means opening a world of possibilities.



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### 2024–2025 Curriculum | Total Credits: 144

#### FIRST SEMESTER

##### Summer I (May–August)

PAO 5000	Anatomy	4
PAO 5001	Pharmacodynamics	1
PAO 5002	Introduction to the PA Profession	1
PAO 5100	Physiology	3
PAO 5300	Physical Diagnosis I	3
PAO 5400	History Taking and Communication Skills	1
PAO 5406	Cultural Issues in Healthcare	1
PAO 5605	Clinical Laboratory Medicine	2

#### SECOND SEMESTER

##### Fall (September–December)

PAO 5003	Fundamentals of Medical Imaging	2
PAO 5006	Electrocardiography	2
PAO 5104	Clinical Pathophysiology	3
PAO 5200	Microbiology	3
PAO 5310	Physical Diagnosis II	2
PAO 5404	Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare	2
PAO 5410	Pharmacology I	2
PAO 5421	Epidemiology/Biostatistics in Healthcare	2
PAO 5500	Clinical Medicine and Surgery I	8

#### THIRD SEMESTER

##### Winter (January–May)

PAO 5320	Physical Diagnosis III	4
PAO 5420	Pharmacology II	4
PAO 5510	Clinical Medicine and Surgery II	11
PAO 5520	Clinical Medicine and Surgery III	10
PAO 5540	Clinical Behavioral Health	3

#### FOURTH SEMESTER

##### Summer II (Advanced Didactic; June–July)

PAO 5005	Genetics	2
PAO 5008	Health Promotion and Clinical Correlation	1
PAO 5009	PA and Healthcare Dynamics	1
PAO 5407	Clinical Pharmacology	2
PAO 5408	Complementary Medicine and Nutrition	2
PAO 5412	Publication Skills and Medical Research	2
PAO 5460	Life Support Procedures and Skills	2
PAO 5560	Clinical Procedures and Surgical Skills	3

#### CLINICAL CURRICULUM

##### Second Year (August–August)

PAO 6401	Elective	4
PAO 6410	Behavioral Health	6
PAO 6498	Graduate Project I	1
PAO 6499	Graduate Project II	1
PAO 6500	Graduate Project III	1
PAO 6310	Emergency Medicine	6
PAO 6320	Family Medicine	6
PAO 6330	Internal Medicine	6
PAO 6340	Pediatrics	6
PAO 6350	Prenatal Care and Gynecology	6
PAO 6360	General Surgery	6
PAO 6406	Selective (1 of 10 options) Cardiology, Dermatology, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Geriatrics, Neurology, Orthopedics, Otorhinolaryngology, Pulmonology, or Ophthalmology	6

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