

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

- ARC-PA accredited, with diverse, clinically focused, and student-centered faculty members
- exceptional student outcomes, plus alumni involvement as clinical preceptors and didactic instructional faculty members
- community service opportunities, including local events and medical outreach trips to Guatemala and Puerto Rico

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 health care world.

NSU's M.M.S. in Physician Assistant program prides itself on earning continuous accreditation and 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.



Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences (PCHCS)

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Curriculum 2022–2023 | Total Credits: 144

FIRST SEMESTER

Summer I (May–August)

| | Credits |
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| 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 Health Care | 1 |
| PAO 5605 Clinical Laboratory Medicine | 2 |

SECOND SEMESTER

Fall (September–December)

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| 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 Health Care | 2 |
| PAO 5410 Pharmacology I | 2 |
| PAO 5421 Epidemiology/Biostatistics in Health Care | 2 |
| PAO 5500 Clinical Medicine and Surgery I | 8 |

THIRD SEMESTER

Winter (January–May)

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| 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)

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| PAO 5005 Genetics | 2 |
| PAO 5008 Health Promotion and Clinical Correlation | 1 |
| PAO 5009 PA and Health Care 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)

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| 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 9 options) Orthopedics, Endocrinology, Dermatology, Pulmonology, Geriatrics, Neurology, Gastroenterology, Cardiology, or Otorhinolaryngology | 6 |

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