

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

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

FORT MYERS CAMPUS

NSU Florida

At a Glance

- Earn your degree in 144 credit hours.
- Program starts in May and can be completed in 27 months.

Program Format

- Program is offered at the NSU Fort Myers Campus.
- Program consists of 15 months of face-to-face classroom instruction followed by 12 months of clinical training.
- Program offers six core clinical rotations, one selective, and two electives.

Program Highlights

- ARC-PA accredited since 2007
- five-year PANCE first-time pass rate of 96 percent
- commitment to rural and underserved populations
- student/professor ratio of 12:1

Department of
Physician Assistant

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Prepare to Deliver Exceptional Care

Demand for physician assistants (PAs) is soaring, as the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics projects 31 percent growth through 2028, with 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 helped students achieve positive results and success.

Becoming a PA at NSU means gaining an edge for your career, your community, and your life.



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

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Curriculum 2023–2024 | Total Credits: 144

FIRST SEMESTER

Summer I (May–August)

APAN 5000	Anatomy	5
PAN 5100	Physiology	4
PAN 5300	Physical Diagnosis I	2
PAN 5400	History Taking and Communication Skills	1
PAN 5002	Introduction to the PA Profession	1
PAN 5409	Cultural Issues in Health Care	2

SECOND SEMESTER

Fall (August–December)

PAN 5200	Microbiology	3
PAN 5005	Genetics	2
PAN 5310	Physical Diagnosis II	4
PAN 5410	Pharmacology I	2
PAN 5500	Clinical Medicine and Surgery I	7
PAN 5600	Clinical Laboratory Medicine I	2
PAN 5101	Clinical Pathophysiology	3

THIRD SEMESTER

Winter (January–May)

PAN 5006	Electrocardiography	2
PAN 5320	Physical Diagnosis III	3
PAN 5510	Clinical Medicine and Surgery II	8
PAN 5520	Clinical Medicine and Surgery III	8
PAN 5610	Clinical Laboratory Medicine II	2
PAN 5420	Pharmacology II	5
PAN 5423	Interpretation and Evaluation of Medical Literature	4

Credits

FOURTH SEMESTER

Summer II (Advanced Didactic; May–July)

PAN 5003	Fundamentals of Medical Imaging	1
PAN 5461	Life Support Procedures Skills	2
PAN 5560	Clinical Procedures and Surgical Skills	3
PAN 5008	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	2
PAN 5009	PA and Healthcare Dynamics	1
PAN 5411	Complementary Medicine and Nutrition	1
PAN 5419	Clinical Pharmacology	3
PAN 5403	Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Care	3
PAN 5540	Clinical Behavioral Medicine	3

CLINICAL CURRICULUM

Second Year (August–August)

PAN 6310	Emergency Medicine	6
PAN 6320	Family Medicine	6
PAN 6330	Internal Medicine	6
PAN 6340	Pediatrics	6
PAN 6350	Prenatal Care and Gynecology	6
PAN 6360	Surgery	6
PAN 6371	Selective I	6
PAN 6376	Elective I	6
PAN 6381	Elective II	4
PAN 6601	Graduate Project	3

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Physician Assistant Program

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