

Physician Assistant Program

Program Policies of Interest to Prospective and Enrolled PA Students

Program Policies

- PA policies apply to all students, principal faculty and the program director regardless of location. A signed clinical affiliation agreement or memorandum of understanding may specify that certain program policies will be superseded by those at the clinical affiliate sites. (Standard A3.01)
- The PA program defines, publishes online and in program handbooks, and consistently apply its policies and practices to all students. (Standard A3.02)

Admissions

- The PA program reviews and scores CASPA applications to determine interviews and admission selection. The program awards additional screening points for the following (Standard A3.13a):
 - Higher GPA in last 60 credits take
 - Higher GPA in science and prerequisite courses
 - Highly recommended courses taken (Pathophysiology, Advanced Physiology, Immunology, Medical Terminology, Cell Biology and Organic Chemistry w/lab)
 - UNE affiliation as undergraduate or graduate student
 - Prior military experience
 - Higher patient care experience hours
 - Higher shadowing experience hours
 - Higher volunteer experience/community service hours
 - Evidence of compatibility with UNE and PA program including program mission/goals
 - Resident from a New England state
- The PA program does not award or grant advance placement for incoming students. All students are expected to successfully complete the entire 24-month curriculum to earn their Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree. (Standard A3.13c)
- UNE College of Professional Studies Articulation Agreement with WCHP programs. Students who complete the Post-Bacc Pre-Health Program and who meet the required eligibility criteria are guaranteed admission interview. The agreement does NOT guarantee program admission.

Student Work

- PA Students are prohibited from performing clerical or administrative work for the program (Standard A3.04)
- PA Students cannot substitute for or function as instructional faculty or clinical or administrative staff. (Standards A3.05a, A3.05b)
- PA Students must not be employed or paid by any clinic, institution, private practice while assigned to location for a clinical rotation
- The PA program strongly discourages any employment during the duration of the 24-months enrolled in the program. (Standard A3.15e)

Clinical Rotations

- Students are not required to provide or solicit clinical sites or preceptors. Students may make suggestions to the PA program, but the program clinical team will secure all clinical sites and preceptors. (Standard A3.03)

Student exposure to infectious and environmental hazards

- The program provides Universal Precautions and OSHA training to infectious and environmental hazards before students undertake any educational activities which would place them at risk. The policies are outlined in the program handbooks and addressed to the students during the didactic and clinical year. The policies address methods of prevention, address procedures for care and treatment after exposure, and clearly define financial responsibility for the student. (Standard A3.08)

Faculty providing health care to students

- Principal faculty, the program director and medical director must not participate as health care providers for students in the program, except in emergency situations. (Standard A3.09)