

# Curriculum

The Master of Physician Assistant Studies program is 24 months in duration and begins in May.

- **Didactic Year**: The first 12 months are didactic and include classroom and laboratory work in basic and applied medical science. Typical classes are Monday through Friday and include a minimum of 35 hours of coursework per week. The Human Gross Anatomy course features a lecture component, as well as a Gross Anatomy Lab at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine.
- **Clinical Year**: The final 12 months are clinical and include ten 5-week rotations. Students return to Marywood at the end of every 5-week rotation to participate in End-of-Rotation examinations, lectures, and activities geared toward PANCE review and professional development activities.

## Didactic Year

### Summer (16 credits)

- Clinical Medicine I (3 cr)
- Culturally Competent Medicine and Underserved Populations (1 cr)
- Evidence-Based Medicine (1 cr)
- Introduction to the PA Profession (1 cr)
- Introduction to Pharmacology (1 cr)
- Human Gross Anatomy (2 cr)
- Human Physiology (1 cr)
- Laboratory Medicine I (1 cr)
- Patient Assessment & Clinical Correlations I (4 cr)
- Radiology I (1 cr)

### Fall (19 credits)

- Clinical Medicine II (3 cr)
- EKG Interpretation (1 cr)
- Laboratory Medicine II (1 cr)
- Medical Procedures I (1 cr)
- Orthopedics (1 cr)
- Pathophysiology I (2 cr)
- Patient Assessment & Clinical Correlations II (4 cr)
- Pediatrics I (1 cr)
- Pharmacology I (2 cr)
- Psychiatry (1 cr)
- Women's Health I (1 cr)
- Radiology II (1 cr)

### Spring (21 credits)

- Clinical Medicine III (3 cr)
- Critical Care Medicine (1 cr)

- Emergency Medicine (2 cr)
- General Surgery (1 cr)
- Medical Nutrition (1 cr)
- Medical Procedures II (1 cr)
- Pathophysiology II (2 cr)
- Patient Assessment & Clinical Correlations III (4 cr)
- Pediatrics II (1 cr)
- Pharmacology II (2 cr)
- Professional Practice (2 cr)
- Women's Health II (1 cr)

## Clinical Year

### Summer (14 credits)

- Capstone Project I (1 cr)
- Clinical Rotation 1 (4 cr)
- Clinical Rotation 2 (4 cr)
- Clinical Rotation 3 (4 cr)
- Clinical Seminar I (1 cr)

### Fall (14 credits)

- Capstone Project II (1 cr)
- Clinical Rotation 4 (4 cr)
- Clinical Rotation 5 (4 cr)
- Clinical Rotation 6 (4 cr)
- Clinical Seminar II (1 cr)

### Spring (19 credits)

- Capstone Project III (1 cr)
- Clinical Rotation 7 (4 cr)
- Clinical Rotation 8 (4 cr)
- Clinical Rotation 9 (4 cr)
- Clinical Rotation 10 (4 cr)
- Clinical Seminar III (1 cr)
- Summative Experience (1 cr)

## Total Program Credits (103 credits)

## Required Clinical Rotations

Each Clinical Rotation lasts 5 weeks. Students will be assigned to a clinical preceptor and will follow the weekly schedule of that preceptor.

- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine I
- Family Medicine II
- General Surgery
- Internal Medicine I
- Internal Medicine II
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Women's Health
- Elective

## Primary Care Clinical Track

We pride ourselves on our commitment to providing a strong primary care education for PAs. Students completing the Primary Care Clinical Track will be provided with at least 40 weeks of clinical rotations in the above settings.

## Specialized Clinical Tracks

Unique to Marywood's PA Program, students may choose to focus their studies and clinical experience by applying for acceptance to one of the following Clinical Tracks during the clinical phase of the program:

| MU Clinical Track Specialties  |
|--------------------------------|
| Emergency Medicine             |
| Orthopedics/Sports Medicine    |
| Hospitalist/Inpatient Medicine |
| Surgery                        |

A Clinical Track provides an additional 10 weeks in the student's chosen specialty while still allowing the student to graduate on schedule. The Clinical Track will take the place of the Family Medicine II and Internal Medicine II rotations.

Students who wish to complete a Clinical Track must complete an application during their didactic year and be approved by the PA faculty. Students must be in good academic standing to be considered.

### **Benefits of the Specialized Clinical Track program:**

- Ten additional weeks of experience in the student's chosen specialty

- Ability to work in a variety of different locations and practices within that specialty
- Networking with potential future employers