



John G. Rangos, Sr.
School of Health Sciences

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Pre-Accredited Phase (91 Credits)

In most cases, courses listed in bold must be taken in the exact semester indicated; all other courses are interchangeable.

Fall of 1st Year – 16 Credits

BRDG-103 IPE Health Research Skills (1 cr.)
BRDG-101 Writing & Analysis (3 cr.)
BIOL-111/111L Biology I: Cells, Genetics, Dev/Lab (4/0 cr.)
CHEM-131/131L Fundamentals of Chemistry I/Lab (5/0 cr.)
BRDG-105 Intro to Ethical Reasoning (3 cr.)

Spring of 1st Year – 15 Credits

COSC-100 Elements of Computer Science (2 cr.)
PHYA-101 Preparing for Clinical Practice (1 cr.)
BRDG-102 Writing & Literature (3 cr.)
BIOL-112/112L Biology II: Diversity, Eco, Evo/Lab (4/0 cr.)
CHEM-132/132L Fundamentals of Chemistry II/Lab (5/0 cr.)

Fall of 2nd Year – 17 Credits

BIOL-205/L Clinical Microbiology/Lab (3/1 cr.)
HLTS-200 Disparities in Healthcare (3 cr.)
PHYS-201/L/R Physics for Life Sci I/Lab/Rec (3/1 cr.)
PSYC-101 Introduction to Psychology (3 cr.)
PHIL/THEO Health Care Ethics (3 cr.)

Spring of 2nd Year – 15 Credits

EQ - Essential Questions Seminar (3 cr.)
Cultural Fluency competency (3 cr.)
PHIL/THEO elective (3 cr.)
Health Science elective (3 cr.)
MATH-225 Introduction to Biostatistics (3 cr.)

Fall of 3rd Year – 14 Credits

COMM-203W Communication & Professional Civility (3 cr.)
HLTS-320/L Anatomy I/Lab (4 cr.)
HLTS-330 Physiology I (3 cr.)
HLTS-335 Histology (1 cr.)
HLTS-441 Medical Sciences I (3 cr.)

Spring of 3rd Year – 14 Credits

PSYC-251 Psychological Disorders Applied (3 cr.)
HLTS-321/L Anatomy II/Lab (4 cr.)
HLTS-331 Physiology II (4 cr.)
HLTS-442 Medical Sciences II (3 cr.)

Academic and Program Requirements for Entry into the Accredited Phase

1. Successful completion of all pre-professional course work with a 3.0 cumulative QPA at Duquesne University and a “C” or better in all courses.
2. An average GPA of 3.0 or higher is also required for Biology I & II, Chemistry I & II, Microbiology, Physics, Anatomy I & II, Physiology I & II and Histology
3. Documentation of current AHA Basic Life Support.
4. Completion of a physical examination and other pre-clinical health requirements.
5. Recommendation of the Physician Assistant Studies Accredited Phase Review Committee upon completion of personal interviews.
6. Departmental approval.

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the Duquesne University Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Duquesne University. Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA Standards.

Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the Standards. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be September 2022. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy.

The program’s accreditation history can be viewed on the ARC-PA website at <http://www.arc-pa.org/accreditation-history-duquesne-university/>.



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Accredited phase courses are only offered in the semester shown. All courses must be taken in sequence.

Summer of 3rd Year – 13 Credits *

PHYA-403W History & Physical Examination I (3 cr.)
PHYA-403L History & Physical Examination Lab (0 cr.)
PHYA-404 Clinical Lab Methods (3 cr.)
PHYA-414 Pathophysiology I (3 cr.)
PHYA-416 Intro to Patient Counseling & Educ (1 cr.)
PHYA-423 Introduction to PA Profession (3 cr.)

Fall of 4th Year – 17 Credits

PHYA-401/L Clinical Medicine I/Lab (3 cr.)
PHYA-409 Clinical Pharmacology (4 cr.)
PHYA-410/L Applied Clinical Methods I/Lab (3 cr.)
PHYA-412W/L History & Physical Exam II/Lab (3 cr.)
PHYA-417 Pathophysiology II (3 cr.)
PHYA-422 Seminar in Diag Test Interpretation (1 cr.)

Spring of 4th Year – 18 Credits

PHYA-402/L Clinical Medicine II/Lab (3 cr.)
PHYA-405 Clinical Encounters (0 cr.)
PHYA-408 Clinical Seminar I (3 cr.)
PHYA-411/L Applied Clinical Methods II/Lab (3 cr.)
PHYA-418/L Fundamentals of Pediatrics/Lab (2 cr.)
PHYA-421W/L History & Physical Exam III/Lab (3 cr.)
PHYA-425 Health Policy, Law and Ethics (2 cr.)
HLTS-430 Principles of Research (2 cr.)

Summer of 4th Year – 11 Credits

PHYA-505 Clinical Seminar II (3 cr.)
PHYA-515/L Fundamentals of Surgery/Lab (3 cr.)
PHYA-520/L Clinical Medicine III/Lab (3 cr.)
PHYA-545 Applied Pharmacology (2 cr.)

Fall of 5th Year – 12 Credits

PHYA-506 Clinical Seminar III (3 cr.)
PHYA-529 Clinical Externship I (3 cr.)
PHYA-530 Clinical Externship II (3 cr.)
PHYA-531 Clinical Externship III (3 cr.)

Spring of 5th Year – 9 Credits

PHYA-513 Essentials in Clinical Practice (0 credits)
PHYA-532 Clinical Externship IV (3 cr.)
PHYA-533 Clinical Externship V (3 cr.)
PHYA-534 Clinical Externship VI (3 cr.)

Summer of 5th Year – 9 Credits

PHYA-535 Clinical Externship VII (3 cr.)
PHYA-536 Clinical Externship VIII (3 cr.)
PHYA-540W Master's Independent Research/Study (3 cr.)

* Flat rate tuition is applied for full-time enrollment during fall and spring semesters. Part-time and summer coursework is charged on a per-credit basis. Students must apply separately for summer funding and scholarships. Tuition and funding information available at www.duq.edu/tuition.