

5 YEAR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

BS in Health Science Curriculum

Physician assistants treat millions of people in a variety of settings including primary care, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, psychiatry, orthopedics, and surgery. The field is in high demand and is projected to grow 30 percent from 2012 to 2022 according to the United States Department of Labor.

Unique to the Valpo physician assistant studies program, students admitted directly to the 5 Year Physician Assistant Program are guaranteed entry into the professional/graduate MSPA program, provided all progression and retention criteria are met.

This accelerated, challenging program is for students entering Valparaiso University as a first-semester freshman.

During your first three years, your pre-professional courses will include liberal arts, preparatory science, and health care, and you'll finish with a BSHS at the end of year three.

YEAR 1

FIRST SEMESTER

Core 110 The Human Experience I	4 credits
Bio 151 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4 credits
Humanities	3 credits
IPE 103 Exploring Health Professions	<u>3 credits</u>
TOTAL:	14 credits

SECOND SEMESTER

Core 115 The Human Experience II	4 credits
Bio 152 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4 credits
Psy 110 General Psychology	3 credits
KIN 100 or KIN 101 Healthy Lifestyles /Wellness & Stress	1 credit
IPE 213 Social Determinants of Health Care	<u>3 credits</u>
TOTAL:	15 credits

SUMMER

Elective	3 credits
Kin 250 Medical Terminology	3 credits
HS 180 Field Experience I	<u>3 credits</u>
TOTAL:	9 credits

YEAR 2

FIRST SEMESTER

Bio 210 Microbiology	4 credits
Chem 121 General Chemistry I	4 credits
Bio 260 Human Nutrition	3 credits
Theo 200 The Christian Tradition	3 credits
HS 253 Communication Process in Health Care	<u>4 credits</u>
TOTAL:	18 credits

SECOND SEMESTER

Bio 270 Genetics	4 credits
Chem 122 General Chemistry II	4 credits
Psy 201 Statistics	3 credits
Psy 215 Lifespan Development	3 credits
Eng 205 Writing in the Health Sciences	<u>3 credits</u>
TOTAL:	17 credits

SUMMER

Elective	3 credits
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HS 280 Field Experience II	<u>3 credits</u>
TOTAL:	9 credits

YEAR 3

FIRST SEMESTER

Chem 221 Organic Chemistry I	4 credits
HS 203 Human Health & Disease	3 credits
HS 302 Health Care Ethics and Legal Issues	3 credits
IPE 315 Evidence-Based Practice in Health Professions	3 credits
IPE 318 Global Health Care Systems	3 credits
Upper Level Theology	<u>3 credits</u>
TOTAL:	19 credits

SECOND SEMESTER

HS 210 Prevention to Population Health	3 credits
HS 440 Exercise and Chronic Health Conditions	3 credits
HS 450 Consumer Education for Health Promotion	3 credits
HS 470 Health Care Leadership Strategies	3 credits
IPE 304 Introduction to Epidemiology	3 credits
Elective	<u>3 credits</u>
TOTAL:	18 credits

SUMMER

HS 381 Field Experience III	<u>5 credits</u>
TOTAL:	5 credits



Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

In the professional/graduate phase, you'll develop core physician assistant competencies and work in the field, earning an MSPA at the end of year five. When you graduate, you'll be qualified to complete the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE) to become certified and eligible for a license to practice as a physician assistant. And, you'll be prepared to promote health, wellness, and disease prevention.