

5-Year PA Program General Overview

This program offers both a pre-professional (undergraduate) and a professional (graduate) phase. Students entering the program's pre-professional phase must advance to the program's professional phase to complete their training as PAs.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- In this 3+2 program model, students who successfully complete the program progression standards of the first phase will earn a Bachelor of Science in Health Science at the end of their first 3 years. They are also *eligible for direct admission* into the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program.
- Students who successfully complete the program progression standards of the second phase will earn a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies at the end of their final 2 years. This will qualify them to sit for the certifying exam for licensure to practice as a PA.

PROGRAM ADMISSION

- Successful completion of 4 years of lab science: Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy/Physiology and Physics are recommended.
- Students must have taken enough Math to place into or higher than MATH 114, which is Pre-Calculus.

To Keep in Mind

Students who are not admitted to Valpo for the 5-Year PA Program *may* still be admissible to the University under other areas in the CONHP such as Nursing, Health Care Leadership, Public Health, etc. in addition to other colleges within the University.