

# Discover your future in health care: Physician Assistant Program

The **McMaster University Physician Assistant Education Program** educates energetic, innovative, committed, and caring individuals to become role models in a new health care delivery model practicing medicine under the supervision of a physician to expand health care access for all.

## What is a Physician Assistant (PA)?

- Physician Assistants (PAs) are health care professionals who work under the supervision of a physician.
- PA scope of practice is determined by their physician colleagues and the rules and regulations of the province in which they are practicing.
- PAs provide a broad range of health care services in primary and specialty care, including patient assessments, clinical investigations, diagnoses and treatment plans, therapeutic interventions, and counselling on preventive care.



## Fast Facts



**Ontario's 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Physician Assistant  
program launched  
by McMaster in 2008



**52 PA students**  
were accepted for  
Fall 2024



**91% pass rate**  
for Master Graduates  
on the National  
Certification Exam

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PA program:**



# Training **passionate, creative leaders** to innovate health care and broaden access for all

## Program Overview

The PA Program runs 24-months and is grounded in Problem-based, small-group and self-directed learning, promoting inter-professional education and training.

**Year 1:** Students are on campus participating in problem-based learning tutorials, medical simulations, large group sessions, anatomy sessions, professional competency curriculum, communications and clinical skills.

**Year 2:** Students will undertake 48 weeks of supervised core and elective clinical clerkship rotations across Ontario.

## Admission Requirements

- Completion of a minimum of 2 years of undergraduate university
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA (OMSAS 4.0 scale)
- No specific course or background requirements
- No health care experience required

For more details visit [physicianassistant.mcmaster.ca](http://physicianassistant.mcmaster.ca)



## How to apply



### Step 1 Apply through OUAC portal

Deadline: January 15, 2025



### Step 2 Submit all requirements via the McMaster Application Portal

Deadline: February 1, 2025



### Step 3 Complete Supplementary Application\*

Deadline: late-February



### Step 4 Mini Multiple Interview (MMI)

Deadline: early-May

\* *Supplementary Application Assessment fee of \$140*