



## Physician Assistant Education Program

### 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.

### Program Overview

The goal of the PA program is to graduate physician assistants who are ready to enter the healthcare workforce as adaptable, knowledgeable and competent health practitioners dedicated to life-long learning.

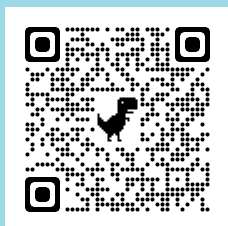
#### Curriculum

- 24 months
- Problem-based, small-group and self-directed learning
- Focus on the Physician Assistant role in health care
- Promotion of inter-professional education and training

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

**Year 2:** Students are across Ontario completing core and elective clinical clerkship rotations.

Visit our website for more information



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## Admission Procedures

### Minimum Requirements:

- 2 years of undergraduate university
- 3.0 GPA (OMSAS 4.0 scale)
- No specific course requirements
- Calculate a cumulative GPA for all undergraduate university study
- No health care experience required



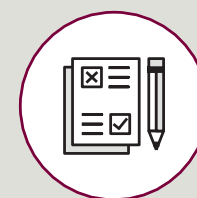
### STEP 1:

**Apply by January 15 2024**

- Submit OUAC application form at [ouac.on.ca](http://ouac.on.ca)

### Submit requirements by February 1

- Electronically submit all requirements via your McMaster Application Portal
- Transcripts must include Fall grades



### STEP 2:

#### Supplementary Application

- Access sent by e-mail end of February
- Sent to all qualified applicants
- Pay Supplementary Application Assessment fee of \$125



### STEP 3:

#### Mini Multiple Interview (MMI)

- Saturday in early May
- Held virtually for all selected candidates on the same day
- 140+ selected candidates invited
- Invitations e-mailed by mid-April

## Financial Information

Careful consideration should be given to the financial requirements of this program.

- Tuition fees are approximately \$12,000 per 12-month academic term, including supplementary fees of \$1000 per year.
- Vehicle and transportation costs: Students must have their own transportation for clinical placements and rotations.
- Travel and living expenses: Students are placed in a variety of clinical sites across Ontario and often need to relocate. Travel and living expenses are the responsibility of the student.
- Additional costs: Books, diagnostic equipment and other learning resources estimated at \$2,500.

Please refer to the Office of the Registrar website for the most accurate tuition information.  
[registrar.mcmaster.ca/fees/undergraduate](http://registrar.mcmaster.ca/fees/undergraduate)

## Conditions of Enrollment

Upon acceptance, successful applicants will be required to annually provide:

- Record of completion of required immunizations
- Proof of Basic Life Support Provider certification
- Police Records Check including vulnerable sector

## Professional Certification

- After graduation, PAs are eligible to challenge the national certification examination through the Canadian Physician Assistants Certification Council of Canada (PACCC).
- Upon successful completion of this examination, the PA is designated as a Canadian Certified Physician Assistant (CCPA).

## Further Information

### Links:

- Health Force Ontario: [healthforceontario.ca](http://healthforceontario.ca)
- Canadian Association of Physician Assistants: [capa-acam.ca](http://capa-acam.ca)
- Physician Assistant Education Association: [paeaonline.org](http://paeaonline.org)

## Fast Facts



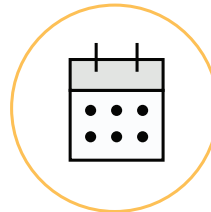
Last accredited by the Accreditation Canada in August 2022.



Current accreditation status maintained by Accreditation Canada.



34 PA students were accepted for the Class of 2025.



Offers for September are sent by e-mail in mid-May.