

School Name: _____ George Washington University _____

Location: _____ Washington, D.C. _____

Public _____ **Private** X _____

Accreditation Status: _____ Continued _____

Mission statement:

The GW Physician Assistant Program focuses on preparing health professionals who will extend and complement the capabilities of physicians in the delivery of health care. Our faculty believes it is essential for all PA graduates to be well-rounded clinicians, prepared for a variety of medical careers.

We offer two graduate level programs: the traditional two year program leading to a Master of Science in Health Sciences degree (MSHS) and the three year joint program leading to both an MSHS and a Master of Public Health degree (MPH). Applicants to the joint PA/MPH program must meet admission requirements for both the MSHS and MPH programs.

It is important that GW PA students demonstrate the capacity to recognize the unique role of the PA and the scope of the professional responsibility inherent to the role. Every PA student should show proficiency in a common body of basic science knowledge and master the principles, knowledge, skills, and procedures of seven major medical disciplines: internal medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, emergency medicine, psychiatry, and primary care (ambulatory) medicine. Every candidate should meet basic technical standards by having the capacity to observe and communicate; sufficient motor ability to perform physical examinations, basic laboratory, diagnostic, and therapeutic procedures; emotional stability to exercise good judgment and work effectively in stressful situations; and the intellectual ability to integrate and synthesize data, solve problems, and formulate treatment plans.

Prerequisite courses (required):

<https://physicianassistant.smhs.gwu.edu/admissions>

All courses must be completed with a B- or better

- Anatomy and Physiology, 2 semesters
- Chemistry, 2 semesters (one semester must be either Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry)
- Psychology, 1 semester
- Statistics, 1 semester

Recommended:

- Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry
- Abnormal and Developmental Psychology

Deadline for primary application: 10/1

Deadline for secondary application: 10/1

Secondary cost: \$60

CASPER required?

- No

Recommendation letter requirements:

- 2 letters, either from academic or professional perspective

Admitted student profile/characteristics: https://physicianassistant.smhs.gwu.edu/sites/g/files/zaskib686/files/2021-05/PA%20Demographic%20Profile.pdf		
Patient Care Hour requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum: 1,000 hours • Average: 2,603 hours 		
Average GPA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.0 minimum for cumulative/science GPA • 3.5+ average 	Average GRE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80%+ verbal • 60%+ quant • 4.0+ written 	Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average age: 26 • 68% of admitted class has 1-400 hours of volunteering
Number applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,400 	Number of interviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not stated 	Matriculated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 67

School Name: _____ Eastern Virginia Medical School _____

Location: _____ Norfolk, VA _____

Public _____ **Private** ☒ _____

Accreditation Status: _____ Continuing _____

Mission statement:

The mission of the EVMS Physician Assistant program is to prepare students to provide healthcare in a broad range of medical settings by training them in the medical arts and sciences in an inclusive, multicultural environment dedicated to the delivery of patient-centered care, while fostering a strong commitment to clinical and community partnerships.

The overall goals of the PA program are to prepare graduates to provide quality healthcare and to nurture their service as capable leaders in clinical, research and community service environments.

Prerequisite courses (required):

- Intro Psychology, 1 course
- General Chemistry, 1 semester
- College Math or College Statistics, 1 course
- Anatomy and Physiology, 2 semesters
- Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry, 1 semester
- Microbiology or Cell Biology, 1 semester
- Advanced Psychology (Abnormal, Lifespan, or Developmental), 1 semester

Recommended:

Deadline for primary application: 3/1

Deadline for secondary application: 3/1

Secondary cost: Not stated

CASPER required?

- Yes

Recommendation letter requirements:

- 2 letters, either from academic or professional perspective

Admitted student profile/characteristics:

- [Available here](#)

Patient Care Hour requirements:

- Average: 6,115 hours
- Average health care experience (not patient care): 2,260 hours

Average GPA:

- 3.0 minimum for cumulative/science GPA
- 3.83 undergrad cumulative GPA average

Average GRE:

- Not stated

Other:

- Average age: 27
- Average volunteering experience: 725 hours (82% of admitted class had volunteering experience)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.85 science GPA average 		
Number applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,166 	Number of interviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 256 	Matriculated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80 (58% in state)

School Name: _____ Emory & Henry _____
Location: _____ Emory, VA _____
Public _____ **Private** X
Accreditation Status: _____ Provisional _____

Mission statement:

With a mission to train the next and future generations of advanced practice providers of the highest caliber and devotion, we take our lead from the historic motto of Emory & Henry College to “Increase in Excellence,” assisting our students to lead lives of service, pursue and obtain productive careers, and participate wholeheartedly in global citizenship.

It is our equally important mission to bring back the *heart* in medical practice, to infuse compassion, mindfulness, and cultural humility, and to train our students to become well-rounded practitioners who are able to meet their patients’ needs at pursuing lives of greater meaning and contentment.

Prerequisite courses (required):

<https://www.ehc.edu/academics/physician-assistant-studies/admission-tuition-info/>

No AP classes for prerequisites accepted
 C or better

- Anatomy and Physiology with lab, 2 semesters
- Biology with lab, 2 semesters
- Chemistry with lab, 1 semester
- Biochemistry with lab (preferred) or Organic Chemistry with lab, 1 semester
- Genetics with lab, 1 semester
- Statistics or Biostatistics, 1 semester
- Medical Terminology, 1 semester

Recommended:

- English composition
- Intro Psychology
- Abnormal and Developmental Psychology
- Sociology or Cultural Anthropology
- Physics

Deadline for primary application: 3/1

Deadline for secondary application: 3/1

Secondary cost: \$30

CASPER required?

- No

Recommendation letter requirements:

- 3 letters: 1 from PA, 1 from professor/academic perspective, 1 from work supervisor

Admitted student profile/characteristics:

<https://www.ehc.edu/academics/physician-assistant-studies/current-students/>

Patient Care Hour requirements:

- Minimum: 300 hours
- Average: 3,429
- Experiences counted: medical scribe, medical assistant, nursing assistant, dental assistant, radiology tech, mental health counselor

Average GPA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 • Minimum science GPA of 2.7 • Average cumulative: 3.30 • Average science: 3.15 	Average GRE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 57% verbal • 43% quant • 60% written 	Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 hours shadowing with PA required • Average shadowing: 84 hours • 100 community service/volunteering hours required • Average volunteering; 432 hours • Average age: 25
Number applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not stated 	Number of interviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not stated 	Matriculated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40

School Name: _____ James Madison University _____
Location: _____ Harrisonburg, VA _____
Public ☒ **Private** _____
Accreditation Status: _____ Continuing _____

Mission statement: To provide educational opportunities and to foster a culture of wellness for students to develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and resiliency necessary to function as primary care physician assistants, serving the medical needs of the Commonwealth of Virginia and society in general including rural and medically underserved areas.		
Prerequisite courses (required): https://healthprof.jmu.edu/pa/prerequisites.html C or better unless indicated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anatomy and Physiology with lab, 2 semesters, B or better • Biochemistry, 1 semester • Genetics, 1 semester • Microbiology, 1 semester • Medical Terminology, 1 semester 		Recommended:
Deadline for primary application: July	Deadline for secondary application: July	Secondary cost: Not stated
CASPER required? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 		
Recommendation letter requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 required, from academic (professors), professional (supervisors or clinicians) 		
Admitted student profile/characteristics: https://healthprof.jmu.edu/pa/prerequisites.html		
Patient Care Hour requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum: 1,000 hours • Average: 3,200 hours 		
Average GPA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.59 cumulative GPA • 3.47 science GPA 	Average GRE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum: 25% • Average: 64% verbal • 52% quant • 68% writing 	Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average age: 24
Number applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not stated 	Number of interviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not stated 	Matriculated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32

School Name: _____ Jefferson College of Health Sciences/Radford University _____

Location: _____ Roanoke, VA _____

Public ☒ **Private** _____

Accreditation Status: _____ Continuing _____

Mission statement: The mission of the Jefferson College of Health Sciences Physician Assistant Program is to graduate competent and compassionate physician assistants who are well versed in the art and science of medicine and are prepared to effectively function as members of the healthcare team.		
Prerequisite courses (required): https://www.radford.edu/content/grad/home/academics/graduate-programs/pa/admission.html C or better, P/F not allowed for prerequisite courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anatomy and Physiology with lab, 2 semesters, B or better• General Chemistry with lab, 2 semesters• Biochemistry or Cell Biology, 1 semester• Genetics or Immunology, 1 semester• Microbiology with lab, 1 semester• Statistics, 1 semester• Medical Terminology, 1 semester• Psychology, 2 semesters, at least 1 upper-level course (Abnormal or Developmental)		Recommended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pathophysiology• Critical Thinking• Pharmacology• Writing intensive humanities courses• Public Health• Health Care Administration
Deadline for primary application: 11/1	Deadline for secondary application: 11/1	Secondary cost: Not stated
CASPER required? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No		
Recommendation letter requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 required, 1 from advisor, 1 from clinical supervisor, 1 from employer		
Admitted student profile/characteristics: Not stated		
Patient Care Hour requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum: 500 hours• EMT, medical tech, nurse, phlebotomist		
Average GPA: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum: 3.0• Average: 3.5-3.6	Average GRE: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not stated	Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Average age: 26
Number applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 900+	Number of interviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 140	Matriculated: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 42

School Name: _____ Mary Baldwin University _____
Location: _____ Fishersville, VA _____
Public _____ **Private** X _____
Accreditation Status: _____ Continuing _____

Mission statement: The mission of the MSPA Program at Mary Baldwin University is to academically and clinically prepare students for PA practice as compassionate, effective, qualified clinicians able to serve in a variety of medical specialty areas and settings in collaboration with licensed physicians. This is accomplished in an environment promoting diversity along with respect for self and others. The MSPA Program is committed to leadership, interprofessional education, and collaborative practice. The Program's mission is realized in a dynamic and holistic learning environment dedicated to critical reasoning, engaged learning and scholarship, and innovative teaching with a strong commitment to service, especially for those in underserved or disadvantaged areas. Veritably, the Program holds that the primary goal of medical training is service to humanity.		
Prerequisite courses (required): https://marybaldwin.edu/health-sciences/school-of-health-human-performance/master-of-science-physician-assistant/ C or better <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology with lab, 1 semester • Anatomy and Physiology with lab, 2 semesters • Microbiology with lab, 1 semester • General Chemistry with lab, 1 semester • Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry with lab, 1 semester • Statistics, 1 semester • Psychology, 2 semesters, 1 semester Intro Psychology, 1 semester upper-level psychology, or 2 semesters of upper-level psychology courses (Abnormal and Developmental preferred) • Medical Terminology, 1 semester 		Recommended:
Deadline for primary application: 10/1	Deadline for secondary application: 10/1	Secondary cost: \$45
CASPER required? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 		
Recommendation letter requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 required 		
Admitted student profile/characteristics: Not stated		
Patient Care Hour requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not stated 		
Average GPA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum: 3.0 	Average GRE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No minimum 	Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shadowing recommended

Number applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not stated	Number of interviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not stated	Matriculated: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30
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School Name: _____ Randolph-Macon _____
Location: _____ Ashland, VA _____
Public _____ **Private** X
Accreditation Status: _____ Pending Provisional _____

Mission statement: The mission of the Randolph-Macon College Physician Assistant Program is to address gaps in healthcare delivery and equity by producing highly-qualified, compassionate PAs, prepared through a blended biomedical science and liberal arts education, equipped to impact health system, provider, and patient needs.		
Prerequisite courses (required): https://www.rmc.edu/departments/pa/admissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology with lab, 2 semesters • General Chemistry with lab, 2 semesters • Organic Chemistry, 1 semester • Biochemistry, 1 semester • Anatomy and physiology with lab, 2 semesters • General Psychology, 1 semester • Statistics, 1 semester • College Math, 1 semester • Medical Terminology, 1 semester 		Recommended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microbiology, 1 semester • Psychology elective, 1 semester • Genetics, 1 semester • Upper-level Biology, Chemistry, Physics courses, 1 semester
Deadline for primary application: 9/1	Deadline for secondary application: 9/1	Secondary cost: Not stated
CASPER required? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 		
Recommendation letter requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 required 		
Admitted student profile/characteristics: Not stated		
Patient Care Hour requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not stated 		
Average GPA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum: 3.0 	Average GRE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not stated 	Other:
Number applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not stated 	Number of interviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not stated 	Matriculated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24

School Name: _____ Shenandoah University _____
Location: _____ Leesburg or Winchester, VA _____
Public _____ **Private** X _____
Accreditation Status: _____ Continuing _____

Mission statement: The mission of the Shenandoah University Division of Physician Assistant Studies is to provide a comprehensive educational program in a collaborative and supportive environment to develop highly skilled, well-educated, compassionate primary-care oriented physician assistants who are capable of providing high quality, patient-centered health care in a variety of settings.		
Prerequisite courses (required): https://www.su.edu/physician-assistant/prospective-students-new/ C or better <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anatomy and physiology with lab, 2 semesters • Microbiology with lab, 1 semester • General Chemistry with lab, 1 semester • Biochemistry or Organic Chemistry with lab, 1 semester • Abnormal Psychology, 1 semester • Developmental Psychology, 1 semester • College Math (Statistics preferred), 1 semester • Medical Terminology, 1 semester 		Recommended:
Deadline for primary application: 10/1	Deadline for secondary application: 10/1	Secondary cost: No cost
CASPER required? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 		
Recommendation letter requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 required, from academic or professional perspective 		
Admitted student profile/characteristics: https://www.su.edu/physician-assistant/prospective-students-new/		
Patient Care Hour requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average: 3,658 		
Average GPA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum: 3.0 • Average cumulative: 3.6 • Average science: 3.56 • Average prereq: 3.73 	Average GRE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not required 	Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average age: 26 • Average shadowing: 129 hours
Number applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 647 	Number of interviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not stated 	Matriculated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60

School Name: _____ South University _____
Location: _____ Glen Allen, VA _____
Public _____ **Private** X _____
Accreditation Status: _____ Provisional _____

Mission statement: The South University Master of Science in Physician Assistant program exists to educate a diverse student population as providers of high-quality, cost-efficient health care who will make a positive impact while practicing the art and science of medicine with physician collaboration.		
Prerequisite courses (required): https://www.southuniversity.edu/richmond/physician-assistant-ms C or better <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology with lab, 2 semesters • Anatomy and physiology with lab, 2 semesters • Microbiology with lab, 1 semester • General Chemistry with lab, 1 semester • Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry, 1 semester 		Recommended:
Deadline for primary application: 8/1	Deadline for secondary application: 8/1	Secondary cost: Not stated
CASPER required? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 		
Recommendation letter requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 required, 1 must be from physician, PA (preferred), or NP 		
Admitted student profile/characteristics: Not stated		
Patient Care Hour requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preferred, not required • PCE accepted: PT, Respiratory therapist, EMT/Paramedic, Nurse, CNA 		
Average GPA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum: 3.0 • 3.3+ cumulative preferred • 3.2+ BCP preferred 	Average GRE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% or better 	Other:
Number applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not stated 	Number of interviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not stated 	Matriculated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36

School Name: _____ Lynchburg College _____

Location: _____ Lynchburg, VA _____

Public _____ **Private** X

Accreditation Status: _____ Provisional _____

Mission statement:

The mission of the Lynchburg College Department of Physician Assistant Medicine is to educate Physician Assistants to become compassionate health care providers with an emphasis on teamwork, communication, human diversity and patient-centered care. The dynamic interdisciplinary advanced curriculum will facilitate the highest standard of patient care while also creating leaders within medicine, local and global communities, and accelerating the advancement of the profession.

Prerequisite courses (required):

<https://www.lynchburg.edu/academics/college-of-health-sciences/physician-assistant-medicine/for-interested-students/program-prerequisites/>

C or better, no P/F accepted

- Biology with lab, 2 semesters
- General Chemistry with lab, 1 semester
- Organic Chemistry, 1 semester
- Anatomy and Physiology with lab, 2 semesters
- Microbiology with lab, 1 semester
- Genetics, 1 semester
- General or Developmental Psychology, 1 semester
- Statistics, 1 semester
- Economics, Sociology, Political Science, or similar, 1 semester

Recommended:

Deadline for primary application: 1/15

Deadline for secondary application: 1/15

Secondary cost: \$50

CASPER required?

- Yes

Recommendation letter requirements:

- 3 required, 1 must be from physician, PA, or NP

Admitted student profile/characteristics: <https://www.lynchburg.edu/academics/college-of-health-sciences/physician-assistant-medicine/for-interested-students/class-profiles/>

Patient Care Hour requirements:

- Minimum: 500 hours
- PCE accepted: Athletic trainer, EMT/paramedic, military medic, nurse, nurse aide, lab tech, radiology tech, respiratory therapist, surgical tech
- Average accepted PCE: 1,802 hours
- 25%-75%: 938-3,365 hours

Average GPA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum: 3.0 • Average: 3.7 • 25%-75%: 3.51-3.80 	Average GRE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 154 quantitative • 153 verbal • 4.0 writing 	Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average age: 25
Number applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,426 	Number of interviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 76 	Matriculated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40

School Name: _____
Location: _____
Public _____ **Private** _____
Accreditation Status: _____

Mission statement:		
Prerequisite courses (required):		Recommended:
Deadline for primary application:	Deadline for secondary application:	Secondary cost:
CASPER required?		
Recommendation letter requirements:		
Admitted student profile/characteristics:		
Patient Care Hour requirements:		
Average GPA:	Average GRE:	Other:
Number applicants:	Number of interviews:	Matriculated: