Physician Assistants (PAs) are health professionals licensed to practice medicine with physician supervision. Within the physician/PA relationship, PAs exercise autonomy in medical decision making and provide a broad range of diagnostic and therapeutic services. Physician Assistants are trained in such tasks as screening patients, taking histories, performing physical exams, performing developmental screening exams for children, managing emergencies, etc. A physician willing to accept responsibility may assign more complicated therapeutic procedures to the PA who has demonstrated ability.

American Association of Surgical Physician Assistants (AASPA)
Become a PA
Becoming a PA
Becoming a Physician Assistant
Becoming a Physician Assistant Advice
Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Ransdell Family Health Professions Readiness and Enrichment Program (HPREP)
Des Moines University Health Professions Advanced Summer Scholars Program (HealthPASS)
Financing Your PA Education
Flexibility, Training Help Physician Assistants Forge a Medical Path
Idaho State University Physician Assistant Admissions Chat Session Schedule (click on "Chat Times")
Massachusetts Association of Physician Assistants (MAPA);
Massachusetts PA Programs
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) 24-Month Master of Physician Assistant Studies Program for Qualified Clark Students
National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)
Navy Physician Assistant Careers
PA Application Tips
PA Fact Sheet
PA Focus
PA Foundation Student Scholarships
PA Program Directory
PA Program Interview Information
PA School Interview Questions
PA Student Interviews
PA vs. MD: Understanding the Differences Infographic
Degree: P.A.

Program Length: 2-3 years

Professional Schools' Organization: 
- AAPA (American Academy of Physician Assistants)
- PAEA (Physician Assistant Education Association)
- PAEA PA Program Directory
- Physician Assistant Graduate School Programs

Application Service: 
- CASPA (Central Application Service for Physician Assistants); CASPA Facebook
- CASPA Participating Programs
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<th>Academic Admission Requirements</th>
<th>Varies with school but may include two semesters each: Biology, Chemistry (some Organic/Biochemistry), Microbiology, Anatomy, and Physiology; one semester Math. Also Psychology.</th>
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<td>Prerequisites</td>
<td><strong>GRE</strong> (most), <strong>MCAT</strong>, or <strong>PA-CAT</strong></td>
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<td>Personal Attributes &amp; Experiences</td>
<td>Most PA programs require health care experience of applicants (e.g., EMT, volunteering in a hospital, orderly, nurse's aide, nurse, etc.). Obtaining phlebotomy training can be a good way to begin acquiring the necessary health care experience. Most programs expect life experience as well as medical experience.</td>
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<td>Recommendation Letters</td>
<td>No standard form.</td>
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<td>Interview Agreement with Assumption College PA Program</td>
<td>The <strong>Assumption College PA Program</strong> will grant an interview to graduates of Clark University who meet the qualifications noted in the student responsibilities below. The PA program maintains the right to verify qualifications, particularly clinical experience, prior to confirmation of an interview offer. No interview will be scheduled until the CASPA application has been released to the PA Program and verified. Assumption College PA Program does not guarantee admission to applicants who qualify for an interview. Students must apply to the Assumption College PA Program via the <strong>Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA)</strong>.</td>
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<td>Student responsibilities:</td>
<td>Student is in good standing and on track to graduate within one semester with a BA degree from Clark. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or above. Have a minimum of 500 hours of verifiable “hands on” health care experience. Have a recommendation from an institutional “health professions” committee. Complete PA prerequisite course listed below with a minimum 3.20 GPA, with no grade less than B minus: Biology – 8 credits, must include microbiology Chemistry – 8 credits, must include either Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology – 8 credits Statistics – 3 credits</td>
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Psychology – 3 credits (additional upper-level courses recommended)
Genetics – 3 credits