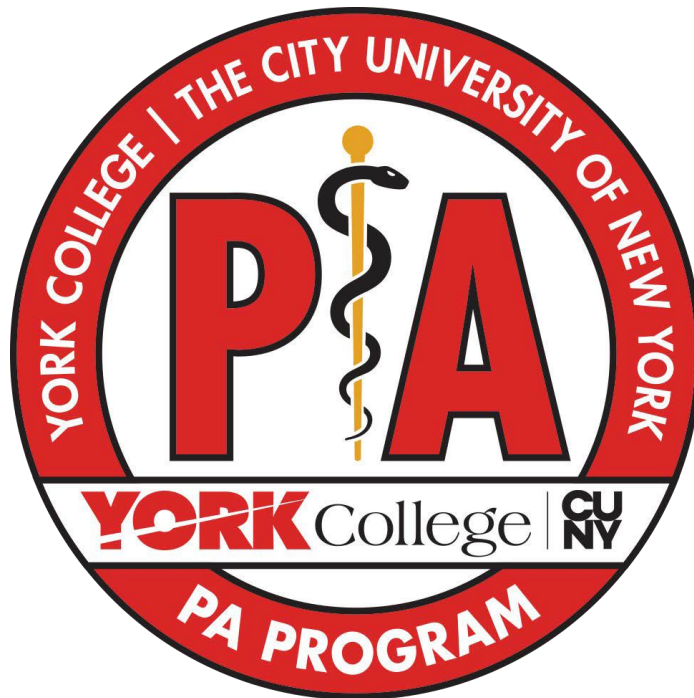


Physician Assistant Master Brochure

School of Health Sciences and Professional Programs



2025 – 2026 Admission Cycle

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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MASTER'S PROGRAM

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the York College, CUNY Physician Assistant Program sponsored by the York College, CUNY Accreditation-Continued is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA Standards. Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with Standards. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by ARC-PA will be March 2028. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy.

The program's accreditation history can be viewed on the [ARC-PA website](#).

PROGRAM FACTS

Mission

The York College Physician Assistant program seeks to recruit and educate students from diverse surrounding communities to become highly competent, compassionate, and culturally aware providers of excellent medical care to underserved urban areas. Incorporated in our mission is a priority on increasing access to medical professional education for racial and ethnic minorities, financially disadvantaged students, and first-generation college graduates. Our program is committed to providing strong support so that we may also expect high performance from our students. All students successfully completing the program are eligible to sit for the national PA board examination administered by NCCPA and will have completed a didactic and clinical curriculum emphasizing urban medical care.

The Program's commitment to Diversity

The York College / CUNY PA program recognizes Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) as essential elements for excellent patient care. The following goals were developed to assist the program in its EDI efforts.

1. Recruit and retain a student population reflecting the ethnic, racial, and linguistic diversity of CUNY, as well as exceed the national average of underrepresented minorities among physician assistant programs in the country.
2. Serve as an engine of social and economic mobility for financially disadvantaged students by maintaining an affordable tuition and fee structure of at least 10% lower than the national average.
3. Produce a graduating class with at least 80% committed to working in the NYC metro communities (5 boroughs of NYC, Long Island, Westchester, surrounding cities of New Jersey, and Connecticut) to help address the healthcare needs of these diverse communities.
4. Recruit and retain a diverse faculty and staff
5. Provide all students, faculty, and staff with the needed resources and tools to ensure their sense of inclusivity; and personal and professional development.

The Profession

Physician Assistants (PAs) are health professionals licensed to practice medicine with physician supervision. They are qualified by graduating from an accredited PA training program and obtaining certification from the National Commission on Certification of PAs (NCCPA). Certified PAs can then seek licensure from the state where they seek to practice medicine.

Within the collaborative physician-PA relationship, physician assistants exercise autonomy in medical decision-making and provide a broad range of diagnostic and therapeutic services. The clinical role of physician assistants includes primary and specialty care in medical and surgical settings working in both rural and urban areas. Physician Assistant practice is centered on patient care and may include educational, research, and administrative activities.

The Nature of the Work

The PA elicits medical histories, performs complete physical examinations, performs and interprets various diagnostic tests, and formulates diagnosis and treatment plans. The physician assistant functions within the supervising physician's scope of practice and the level of experience and training achieved. An important component of PA practice is patient counseling and patient education. Physician Assistants practice in varied settings, including private medical offices, hospitals, clinics, and community health centers.

Physician Assistants practicing in New York State may write prescriptions for medications, including certain classes of controlled substances. Physician assistants provide services in various medical and surgical disciplines including, but not limited to family practice, pediatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, geriatrics, orthopedics, psychiatry, and emergency medicine. The physician assistant role requires the application of intelligence, compassion, sound judgment, critical reasoning, dedication to patients, and good interpersonal skills.

The Program at York

The PA Master's Program at York College has been designed as a 28-month upper-division program, requiring a bachelor's degree with prerequisite coursework. All graduates are awarded a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies.

Semester Schedules in the Program

The current Physician Assistant Master's Program at York College is a full-time, daytime, 28-month program that commences every fall.

The first five semesters (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall) are didactic and are mainly conducted in the Physician Assistant Program classrooms located in the York College Science Building, rooms SC113 and SC131.

The following four semesters (Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall) are spent on clinical rotations at several assigned medical facilities consisting of hospitals and clinics. During clinical rotations, students may be "on-call", requiring an overnight stay at the clinical site. Students are required to follow the schedule assigned to them by the clinical site supervisor.

OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT POLICY

Applicants to the Physician Assistant program must assess their ability to pay tuition, equipment expenses, book expenses, travel expenses, and other living expenses for themselves and their dependents for the full 28 months of the program. The program is rigorous, and students need to be aware of the reasons why **outside employment is strongly discouraged while attending the PA program**:

- Class and rotation schedules are subject to change on short notice.
- Classes are typically scheduled between 9 AM and 5 PM but may be scheduled earlier or later.
- Clinical rotations may require weekend or evening/overnight work.
- The small amount of free time PA students have is usually solely needed for study, rest, or recreation
- No accommodation is made in schedules or attendance policy for outside employment
- Students will not be allowed to rotate at a clinical site where they were employed to avoid any conflict of interest
- No consideration will be made for academic difficulties secondary to deficient preparation because of outside employment

The program also strongly discourages enrollment in any work-study program while attending the PA program.

Non-Discrimination

York College of the City University of New York is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Institution. It does not discriminate based on gender, age, color, race, religion, national or ethnic origin, alienage or citizenship, sexual orientation, disability, veteran or marital status in its student admissions, employment, access to programs, and administration of educational and human resource policies.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Step 1: Determine Eligibility for Application:

1. Completion of a bachelor's degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
2. Open Houses/Information Sessions - Current York students and transfer students are strongly encouraged to attend an information session. Contact the program's admissions coordinator for more information on scheduled information sessions. You can also check the York College website for upcoming Open Houses.
3. No grade below a "C" in any prerequisite course will be considered.
4. Grade Point Average (GPA) of **3.0** minimum in the following 2 categories:
Science Prerequisites
 - One Year of General Biology with Laboratory (Bio 201, 202)
 - One Year of Human Anatomy & Physiology with Laboratory (Bio 234, 235)
 - One Semester of Microbiology without Laboratory (Bio 265 or Bio 465)
 - One Year of General Chemistry with Laboratory (Chem 108, 109, 111, 112)
 - One Semester of Biochemistry without Laboratory (Chem 412, Chem 460, or Bio 412)

Overall CUM GPA

All College-Level Work, including Post-Baccalaureate, Graduate, and Professional Programs

5. Students with a PA Program Science Prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or better; and whose Cumulative GPA is less than 3.0, may petition the Admissions Committee to be considered if they have evidence of consistent improvement in the last sixty credits. Consistent improvement is defined as a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0, calculated using grades for the last sixty credits taken. If you meet both these criteria (PA Program Science Prerequisite GPA of 3.0 and A GPA of 3.0 or better with the most recent sixty credits), you may submit a letter explaining the initial performance and subsequent improvement, along with your most current transcript.
6. In order to satisfy the behavioral science prerequisite requirement, you **must** have taken one semester of psychology and one semester of any one of the following: another psychology course or sociology or anthropology.
7. Statistics courses taken more than **8** years ago will not be accepted and must be repeated. The Human Anatomy & Physiology courses must have been taken within the previous **5** years from the time of enrollment. Other science prerequisite courses (Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Microbiology) taken more than **8** years ago will not be accepted. As an alternative to repeating the General Biology OR General Chemistry courses, applicants may demonstrate adequate content knowledge by successful completion of the CLEP (College Level Equivalency Placement) Exam. <https://clep.collegeboard.org/exam>. If an applicant has taken and passed the USMLE Step 1 within the last five years, they can be waived from repeating outdated science prerequisites (**EXCEPT** Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II). If an applicant has taken advanced placement chemistry and/or biology courses in high school, your AP scores within the last eight years can be used to fulfill the general biology and/or general chemistry prerequisite requirement. (**Expired science prerequisites are factored into the science prerequisite GPA**)

Upon applying to CASPA you can have up to 3 PA program prerequisite courses pending. Pending courses may include **1** science course **or** Statistics, not both, along with one or both behavioral science courses **and** any other courses needed for a baccalaureate degree. All pending courses must be completed by August 1st before the fall semester you will enroll into the program.

Sequences for pending prerequisite courses for the PA Master's Program

Sequence I: One science prerequisite and one or both behavioral science prerequisites

OR

Sequence II: Statistics and one or both behavioral science prerequisites
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8. Completion of at least **750** hours of experience in a direct patient healthcare environment. Completion of **500 hours at the** time of application and documentation of at least 750 hours is required at the time of enrollment. Clerical work is not considered health care experience. The program does not provide volunteer sites. Acceptable experience includes volunteer work or employment in hospitals, clinics, private offices, or extended healthcare facilities. **A separate letter on letterhead** must be uploaded to CASPA as proof of healthcare experience including contact information for your source. If your HCE hours are more than 3 years old, you may be asked to complete some additional hours.

Step 2: Upload Application and Supporting Documents

1. PA Program Application via CASPA (Central Application Service for Physician Assistants)

The York College PA Program's application can be found on CASPA's website

<https://caspa.liaisoncas.com>.

Please follow all instructions and upload all necessary documents listed below to CASPA's website. [This application is separate and in addition to the York College/CUNY application.]

2. Current Resume

3. Official Transcripts: All applicants must request to have their official transcripts from all colleges attended, including all CUNY schools, sent to CASPA's website.

4. Three Reference Letters (3 separate sources): Preferred sources include professors, health care professionals, and employers. Please upload **original** letters presented on professional letterheads Reference letters uploaded to CASPA must contain the contact number of the reference source.

5. Personal Statement. Please follow the instructions on the CASPA website.

6. Documentation of Health Care Experience: This should be a **SEPARATE letter from any of the reference/recommendation letters. **750 hours are required** (at least **500** hours to apply and at least **750** for admission into the program). Virtual shadowing hours are not accepted. A letter from the human resources department, a supervisor, a health professional being shadowed, or an administrator will suffice, but it must be on the letterhead of the organization or individual, clearly stating hours and tasks performed, and must provide a contact number. Timesheets, pay stubs, and work schedule printouts are all unacceptable forms of documentation of health care experience. Acceptable experience includes volunteer work, or employment in hospitals, clinics, private offices, or extended healthcare facilities. Being employed as a Medical Scribe, EMT, Medical Assistant, or Patient Care Technician are all excellent forms of health care experience. Shadowing an MD or PA is preferred. Clerical work is **not** an acceptable form of healthcare experience. Pharmaceutical and Direct Support Professional work are not strong forms of healthcare experience. Although CASPA will deem your application complete without verification of your HCE hours. Verification of HCE hours is a requirement for the York College PA Program and without it, your application will be denied.**

9. Applying to York College: Applicants invited for an interview will be required to apply to York College before their interview.

Before an interview can be scheduled, a processing fee must be paid to York College. Instruction on how to pay this fee will be provided at that time.

** It is the applicant's responsibility to upload all required documents to CASPA's website. The PA Program faculty/staff are not responsible for obtaining any missing documents. You may contact the PA Program to track your application status. The PA Program also does not accept any hard copies of supporting documents. All supporting documents must be submitted through CASPA's website!*

A VERIFIED application has to be on file with CASPA NO LATER THAN December 1st

Bonus Points

The program gives bonus points to applicants who have taken and passed at least three (3) or more credit hours at York College. The program also gives bonus points to applicants who have taken and passed at least 24 credits of courses at any one of the CUNY schools. E-permit courses can only be counted towards your home school credits. If you have ever served in the military, you can also receive Bonus points as a veteran. If you think you qualify, you will need to show proof that you are eligible to receive the bonus points.

International Students

An applicant who is from a foreign country; where English is a second language and has obtained a degree from that country, must take the test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The passing grade for the TOEFL exam is 61 for the paper exam and 75 for the Internet exam. This exam has no expiration date.

All foreign applicants must have their foreign transcripts evaluated by Span Tran. To have your transcript evaluated by Span Tran you must press and hold the ctrl button. At the same time left-click the link below and you will be taken to the Span Tran page with instructions on how to have your foreign transcript evaluated. Span Tran is our recommended international transcript evaluation service.

They have created a [custom application for York College](#) that will make sure the student selects the right kind of evaluation at a discounted rate. Once your transcript has been evaluated you must contact our Admissions Coordinator, Ms. Tenesha Spain, at tspain@york.cuny.edu.

The PA Program does not accept any transfer credits from foreign transcripts. All PA Program prerequisites must be taken and completed at an accredited college in the United States. All international students must complete 500 of the 750 healthcare experience hours in the United States.

Advanced Standing

There is no advanced standing in the program, regardless of the qualifications or experience of the applicant. All candidates must complete the entire 28-month course of study.

Additional Information

- You do not have to apply to York College until you are invited for an interview. Therefore, if you are not selected for an interview, you will not be asked to apply to York College.
- Admission to the Physician Assistant Program is competitive, and applicants may be placed on a waiting list or denied even if all requirements for screening are complete.
- An interview before the admissions committee does not guarantee admission into the program.

Technical Standards

The following technical standards for admission establish the mental and physical abilities students need for successful completion of the Physician Assistant program and eventual PA practice. York College offers a variety of services, activities, and accommodations to students with disabilities, mainly through two offices- the Coordinator of Disability Services and the York Enrichment Services (Y.E.S) for Students with Disabilities. All students admitted to the York College Physician Assistant Program are expected to be able to perform the listed tasks, with or without reasonable accommodation. Every effort is made to provide reasonable accommodations to those students with documented disabilities.

- PA students must be able to sustain attention, reason, analyze, assimilate, and learn a large amount of information. Information from various disciplines and sources must be correlated and concepts applied to develop therapeutic plans and solve clinical problems in a timely fashion. The ability to extract valid, useful, and relevant information from medical literature is also required.
- PA students must be able to observe in lecture, laboratory, and clinical patient care settings. PA students must have adequate sensory skills to elicit medical histories and to perform complete physical examinations utilizing inspection, percussion, palpation, and auscultation including adequate vision, hearing, and tactile sensation.

- PA students must be able to communicate with patients in a sensitive manner and record and communicate patient information in a timely and effective manner to other members of the healthcare team.
- PA students must have adequate neuromuscular control to perform therapeutic and diagnostic procedures (such as blood drawing, suturing, casting, etc.), to respond to emergency situations, and to move about various healthcare environments. The didactic phase of the program requires extended sitting, in contrast to the clinical phase which requires extended standing and moving about various clinical facilities.
- PA students must be able to relate to and develop a good professional rapport with other members of the healthcare team. PA students must also maintain composure during periods of stress and respond appropriately to emergency situations. Recognizing limitations, demonstrating concern for patients, and exercising good judgment are also required attributes.

All students with a documented disability are encouraged to sign up in Room 1G02 (Tel. 262-2272) and take advantage of services provided by the Coordinator of Disability Services and the Y.E.S. program. These services include individual and group counseling; individual orientation and registration assistance; readers & interpreters; modified instruction and examination procedures; textbook loan program; assistance in the use of adaptive equipment and technology and coordination of disability-related accommodations.

Questions about the program's technical standards may be directed to the program director or the Coordinator of Disability Services. All information regarding disabilities is handled confidentially. All requests for accommodations are voluntary and must be made in writing prior to beginning coursework

PA Program Technical standards are also available on the Physician Assistant Program Didactic Student Handbook, located at: <http://york.cuny.edu/pa>

The Selection Process

The Physician Assistant Program uses a holistic approach in selecting candidates.

The factors considered in the holistic admissions process include:

1. The applicant's full record of academic achievement in college, including the number and rigor of courses taken and grades earned in those courses.
2. Professional preparations for the PA program such as employment as a healthcare worker, patient contact, work with underserved populations, and volunteering and shadowing experience.
3. Strength of letters of recommendation.
4. Personal statement including elements of style, creativity, originality, and anticipated goals as a Physician Assistant.
5. Alignment with the program mission.

Race, ethnicity, gender, and religion are excluded from the selection criteria.

Each application is evaluated using these five criteria to determine eligibility for an interview. The interview assesses the applicant's deductive reasoning, professionalism, disposition for the profession, problem-solving skills, verbal and non-verbal communication skills, and alignment with the program mission. The highest-ranked applicants meeting all admission requirements are offered a seat in the program.

Accreditation and Credentials

1. The ARC-PA has granted Continued Accreditation to the Physician Assistant Program sponsored by York College/CUNY. Continued accreditation is an accreditation status granted when a currently accredited program is in compliance with the ARC-PA *Standards*. Continued Accreditation remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the *Standards*. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be March 2028.
2. The Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies is conferred when the Physician Assistant Program requirements are fulfilled, including successful completion of all Physician Assistant Major Discipline requirements, in addition to all prerequisite requirements.
3. Certification: Upon completion of all requirements and approval by the PA program, the graduate is permitted to sit for the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants examination. No separate certificate is issued.
4. Licensure: Upon completion of all requirements, the graduate is permitted to apply to New York State for limited permit licensure as a physician assistant. The PA can apply for a full license upon taking and passing the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) examination.

Physician Assistant National Certification Examination Results:

CLASS	Students who took the Exam	Passed on the First Attempt	First Attempt Pass Rate	Passed on Two Attempts or More	Total Pass Rate For Graduating Class
2020	24	22	92%	2	100%
2021	28	25	89%	2	100%
2022	27	27	100%	0	100%
2023	27	23	85%	3	96%
2024	25	23	92%	0	92%

(Some graduates who have failed on the first attempt have passed on subsequent attempts but are not included in the above figures.) Our most recent 5-year PANCE Pass rate can be found on our website:

<https://www.york.cuny.edu/pa>

PA PROGRAM PREREQUISITE COURSES
For All Applicants (York College Course Names & Numbers)

COURSE NAME	COURSE #	CRS.
Biological Principles I (with Lab)	BIO 201	4
Biological Principles II (with Lab)	BIO 202	4
Human Anatomy and Physiology I (with Lab)	BIO 234	4
Human Anatomy and Physiology II (with Lab)	BIO 235	4
Microbiology (without Lab)	BIO 265 & Bio 465	3
Principles of Chemistry I (with Lab) *see note	CHEM 108 & 109	4-5
Principles of Chemistry II (with Lab)	CHEM 111 & 112	4-5
Biochemistry *see note (without Lab)	CHEM 412 or BIO 412 or BIO 460	3-5
Psychology (Any psych course is acceptable)	PSY	3
Psychology or Sociology or Anthropology (Any 1 of the above courses is acceptable)	PSY or SOC or ANTH	3
Statistics (Any type of stats course is acceptable)	MATH 111	3-4

*Students taking Chemistry I at York College may be required to complete Math 104 or test out of the Math prerequisite before enrolling for Chemistry I. Please see the Chemistry Department for more information.

*Students taking Biochemistry at York College may be required to complete organic chemistry. Please see the Chemistry Department for more information.

- No grade below a "C" in any prerequisite course will be considered.
- Statistics prerequisite courses taken more than 8 years ago will **not** be accepted and must be repeated. Anatomy & Physiology I & II, taken more than 5 years ago, will **not** be accepted and must be repeated. Science prerequisite (Gen Biology, Gen Chemistry, Bio Chem, and Microbiology) courses taken more than 8 years ago will **not** be accepted. These science prerequisite courses must be retaken to be considered. Alternatively, students may demonstrate continued competence in Biology 201 & Biology 202 OR Chemistry 108 & 109 and Chemistry 111 & 112 by successful completion of the CLEP Examination in Biology or Chemistry <http://www.collegeboard.org/exams>. If an applicant has taken and passed the USMLE Step 1 within the last five years, they can be waived from repeating outdated science prerequisites (**EXCEPT** Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II). If an applicant has taken advanced placement chemistry and/or biology courses in high school, your AP scores within the last 8 years can be used to fulfill the general biology and/or general chemistry prerequisite requirement.
- To satisfy the second semester of the behavioral science prerequisite requirement, you can take another psychology course **or** sociology course, **or** anthropology course.

SUGGESTED ELECTIVES

- Genetics (BIO 444)
- Abnormal Psychology (PSYCH 338)
- Computer Science
- Pathophysiology (BIO 336)
- Toxicology (CHEM 237)
- Public Health (HPGC 102)
- Principles of Epidemiology (HPGC 201)
- Cell Biology (BIO 320)
- Histology (BIO 325)
- Immunology (BIO 466)
- Medical Informatics
- Organic

Chemistry

Suggested electives **cannot** be used as substitutions for any of the science prerequisites for the PA program.

TUITION AND FEES

PA Program Tuition and Fees are equivalent to the Graduate Tuition and Fees schedule as published in the York College Bulletin. *Tuition and Fees are subject to change by action of the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York at any time.* The tuition and fees schedule for the PA Program is as follows:

EFFECTIVE FALL 2025

Graduate Tuition	NY State Resident	Non – NY State Resident
Full-Time Students	\$5,545 per semester	\$855 per credit
Summer & Winter Semesters	\$470 per credit	\$855 per credit
Total Tuition For Entire PA Program	\$36,655	\$74,385

Graduate Program Excellence Fee

Fall Semesters	\$800 per semester	\$800 per semester
Winter Semester	\$0	\$0
Spring Semesters	\$800 per semester	\$800 per semester
Total Graduate Program Excellence Fees for Entire PA Program	\$5,600	\$5,600

Graduate Contact Hour Overage Charge

HPPA 502 Physical Diagnosis Lab I	\$130	\$170
HPPA 504 Clinical Anatomy	\$130	\$170
HPPA 520 Pharmacology I	\$65	\$85
HPPA 522 Physical Diagnosis Lab II	\$130	\$170
HPPA 528 Clinical Medicine I	\$195	\$255
HPPA 534 Diagnostic Studies	\$130	\$170
HPPA 540 Clinical Correlations Seminar I	\$65	\$85
HPPA 542 Clinical Medicine II	\$130	\$170
HPPA 546 Clinical Medicine III	\$130	\$170
HPPA 552 Clinical Correlations Seminar II	\$65	\$85
HPPA 556 Clinical Skills	\$130	\$170
9 Clinical Rotations	\$1,170	\$1,530
Total Graduate Contact Hour Overage Charge For Entire PA Program	\$2,470	\$3,230

PA Program Course Fees

HPPA 500 Introduction to ePortfolio	\$130	\$130
HPPA 502 Physical Diagnosis Lab I	\$110	\$110
HPPA 504 Clinical Anatomy	\$110	\$110
HPPA 506 Applied Medical Sciences	\$60	\$60
HPPA 522 Physical Diagnosis Lab II	\$110	\$110
HPPA 524 Pathophysiology	\$160	\$160
HPPA 530 Evidence-Based Medicine	\$105	\$105

HPPA 540 Clinical Correlations Seminar I	\$55	\$55
HPPA 552 Clinical Correlations Seminar II	\$55	\$55
HPPA 554 Emergency Medicine	\$105	\$105
HPPA 556 Clinical Skills	\$260	\$260
9 Clinical Rotations @ \$240 per Rotation	\$2,160	\$2,160
Total Course Fees for Entire PA Program	\$3,420	\$3,420

University Fees	Fall/Spring	Summer
Association, Consolidated, Technology, and University Student Government Fees	\$213.60	\$88.95
Total University Fees For Entire Program	\$1,245.90	

Total Tuition and Fees	NY State Resident	Non – NY State Resident
Total Tuition For Entire PA Program	\$36,655	\$74,385
Total Graduate Program Excellence Fees	\$5,600	\$5,600
Total Contact Hour Overage Charges	\$2,470	\$3,230
Total PA Program Course Fees	\$3,420	\$3,420
Total University Fees	\$1,245.90	\$1,245.90
Total Tuition and Fees	\$49,390.90	\$87,880.90

PA Program Estimated Books and Equipment Expenses

Equipment expenses	Approximately \$700
Books Didactic Phase	Approximately \$300
Books Clinical Phase	Approximately \$200
Health Screening and State-Specific Trainings	Approximately \$300
Total Estimated Books and Equipment Expenses	\$1,500

Estimated Total Cost	NY State Resident	Non – NY State Resident
28-Month PA Program	\$50,890.90	\$89,380.90

Additional Information

Potential Fees Prior to Matriculation:

York College, CUNY Application Processing Fee: \$75

CUNY Transfer Student Application Fee: \$70 (approximately)

York College, CUNY Physician Assistant Program Commitment Deposit: \$250

(Commitment deposit will be applied to your tuition)

Potential Maintenance of Matriculation

NY Resident \$225 per semester; Non-NY State Resident \$370 per semester

WITHDRAWAL / REFUND POLICY

Refund Schedule	Fall & Spring Semesters
Withdrawal before the scheduled opening date of the session	100 %
Withdrawal in order to register at another unit of The City University during that semester	100 %
Withdrawal within one week after the scheduled opening date of the session	75 %
Withdrawal during the second week after the scheduled opening date of the session	50 %
Withdrawal during the third week after the scheduled opening date of the session	25 %
Withdrawal after the completion of the third week of the session	None

NOTE:

The date on which the Change of Program and/or the Withdrawal is **submitted to the College**, through CUNYFirst or the Registrar's Office is considered the withdrawal date, not the last date of attendance in class. It is the official date of the student's withdrawal and will serve as the basis for computing any refund granted to the student.

Fees are not refundable.

Please refer to the York College Academic Calendar for further information, located at:

<https://www.york.cuny.edu/registrar/calendar>

PROFESSIONAL CURRICULUM OUTLINE

DIDACTIC PHASE		
Fall Semester (#1)	Course #	Credits
Introduction to ePortfolio/ Orientation (Hybrid)	HPPA 500	1
Clinical Anatomy (2hrs lecture/2hrs recitation/ 1hr laboratory)	HPPA 504	3
Applied Medical Sciences	HPPA 506	3
Interviewing and Counseling	HPPA 508	1
Health Promotion & Disease Prevention (Hybrid)	HPPA 512	2
Pharmacology I (2hrs lecture/1hr recitation)	HPPA 520	2
Clinical Medicine I (3hrs lecture/3hrs recitation)	HPPA 528	3
Diagnostic Studies (1hr lecture/1hr recitation/1hr laboratory)	HPPA 534	1
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS/HRS		16

Winter Semester (#2)	Course #	Credits
PA Profession (Hybrid)	HPPA 510	2
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS/HRS		2

Spring Semester (#3)	Course #	Credits
Physical Diagnosis I (2hrs lecture/3hrs laboratory)	HPPA 502	3
Pathophysiology	HPPA 524	3
Surgery	HPPA 532	4
Pediatrics	HPPA 526	2
Pharmacology II	HPPA 536	2
Obstetrics/Gynecology	HPPA 538	2
Clinical Medicine II (2hrs lecture/2hrs recitation)	HPPA 542	2
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS/HRS		18

Summer Semester (#4)	Course #	Credits
Biomedical Ethics (Hybrid)	HPPA 514	2
Public Health (Hybrid)	HPPA 516	2
Health Policy (Hybrid)	HPPA 518	2
Clinical Correlation Seminar I (2hrs lab)	HPPA 540	1
Psychiatry	HPPA 550	2
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS/HRS		9

Fall Semester (#5)	Course #	Credits
Physical Diagnosis II (2hrs lecture/3hrs laboratory)	HPPA 522	3
Evidence-Based Medicine & Health Informatics (Hybrid)	HPPA 530	2
Primary Care	HPPA 544	3
Clinical Medicine III (2hrs lecture/2hrs recitation)	HPPA 546	2
Pharmacology III	HPPA 548	3
Clinical Correlation Seminar II (2hrs lab)	HPPA 552	1
Emergency Medicine	HPPA 554	3
Clinical Skills	HPPA 556	1
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS/HRS		18
TOTAL DIDACTIC PHASE CREDITS (16 Months)		63

CLINICAL PHASE		
Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall Semesters (#6,7,8,9)		
PA- Portfolio I (Online)	HPPA 600	2
PA- Portfolio II (Online)	HPPA 610	2
PA- Portfolio III (Online)	HPPA 620	2
Surgery Clinical Rotation	HPPA 650	2
Internal Medicine Clinical Rotation	HPPA 652	2
Pediatric Medicine Clinical Rotation	HPPA 654	2
Emergency Medicine Clinical Rotation	HPPA 656	2
Long-Term Care Clinical Rotation	HPPA 658	2
Psychiatry Clinical rotation	HPPA 660	2
Obstetrics/Gynecology Clinical Rotation	HPPA 662	2
Ambulatory Care Clinical Rotation	HPPA 664	2
Family Practice Clinical Rotation	HPPA 668	2
TOTAL CLINICAL PHASE CREDITS (12 Months)		24
TOTAL CREDITS (28 Months)		87

Physician Assistant Program Affiliations

- Queens Hospital Center, Jamaica, NY
- St. Albans Veteran Administration Hospital, St. Albans, NY
- New York Hospital Queens, Flushing, NY
- Woodhull Hospital, Brooklyn, NY
- Damian Family Practice, Queens & Bronx, NY
- St. Francis Hospital, The Heart Center, Roslyn, NY
- Alan S. Detweiler, D.O., Far Rockaway, NY
- Margaret Tietz Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Jamaica, NY
- Brookdale Hospital, Brooklyn, NY
- Premiere Pediatrics of New York, Staten Island, NY
- Elmhurst Hospital Center, Elmhurst, NY
- Long Island Jewish Medical Center
- Far Rockaway Family Practice, Far Rockaway, NY
- Morris Heights Health Medical Center, Bronx, NY
- Dr. F. Santi DiFranco, Ozone Park, NY
- Dr. Alain Sosa, Elmhurst, NY
- Emergency Medical Care New York, NY
- Dr. Back Kim, Flushing, NY
- Niaz Medical Services PC, Richmond Hill, NY

Note: This list is continuously being updated. Please see the [PA Program's website](#) for the most updated list of clinical affiliations.

Potential Volunteer Services

Centro Medico

37-51 91st Jackson Heights NY 11372
718-205-5355
Fax resume – 718-429-7952 “attention to Bertha”
English / Spanish speakers

Beth Israel

1st Avenue at 16th Street
NY, NY 10003
212-420-2733
Contact: Laurie Burns, Coordinator of Volunteer Services

The Mount Sinai Hospital

One Gustave L. Levy Place Box 1274 New York, NY 10029
212-241-0478 OR VolunteerDept@mountsinai.org
Contact: Caroline Boyton, Coordinator of Volunteer Services

NY Downtown Hospital

170 William Street
NY, NY 10038
917-286-2571
Contact: Elaine Wu, Coordinator of Volunteer Services

LIJ, North Shore Forest Hills

102-01 66th Road
Forest Hills, NY 11375
718-925-6603
Contact: Volunteer Services

Elmhurst Hospital

79-01 Broadway
Elmhurst, NY 11373
718-334-5175
Contact: Volunteer Services

Jamaica Hospital

8900 Van Wyck Expressway
Jamaica, NY 11418
718-206-6000 ext. 4078
Contact: Volunteer Services

Queens Hospital Center

82-63 164 Street, N619
Jamaica, NY 11432
(718) 883-2280
Contact: Andrea Adams, Director of Volunteer Services

New York Hospital of Queens

5645 Main Street
Flushing, NY 11355
718-670-2000
Contact: Volunteer Services

VolunteerNYC.org

(Sponsored by: New York-Presbyterian University Hospital of Columbia & Cornell)

525 East 68th Street

NY, NY 10021

212-746-4908

Contact: Trisha Choi, Manager of Volunteer Services

<http://pashadowonline.com/paso/>

This service matches prospective PA students with PAs willing to be shadowed.

This program does not have any affiliations with any of the volunteer services listed above.

Notice to Students on Criminal Background Checks

Current laws generally permit a state licensing board or agency to deny a license to practice if the applicant has been convicted of a felony or other specified crime. Like many state licensing boards, the Office of the Professions of the New York State Education Department requires that a criminal background check be conducted prior to granting a license.

The Department of Health Professions at York College does not require a criminal background check for admission to our degree program, but the Department's educational requirements include placement at one or more hospitals or other off-campus clinical training sites, and these sites frequently require a student to undergo a criminal background check before the student can be placed for clinical training. If based on the results of a criminal background check, the site determines that a student's participation in its clinical training program would not be in the best interest of the site, the site may deny that student admission to the training program. Even if the student has already begun the placement when the results are received, the site may elect to dismiss the student, regardless of the student's performance while in the training program. Each clinical training site that requires a criminal background check sets its own standards and procedures, and you may be asked by the site to pay the cost of the background check. You may also have to complete more than one criminal background check during the course of the Health Professions at York College depending on the number of sites where you are placed and the requirements of each site.

Some clinical rotation sites may also require that students submit to a drug test as a condition of their participation. Students will be responsible for the cost of this testing. Refusal to have a test may result in an inability to complete the rotation and possibly the professional program.

Please note that if a clinical training site determines that you may not take part in its training program based on the results of a criminal background check or drug test (or due to refusal to submit to a drug test), you may be unable to complete your course requirements and to continue in the Physician Assistant Program. It is important for you to be aware of these requirements and consider them before enrolling in a program offered by the Department of Health Professions at York College, as York College has no obligation to refund your tuition or fees or to otherwise accommodate you in the event you are ineligible to complete your course requirements based on the results of a criminal background check, or if you are denied a license to practice.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When does the program begin, and how many students are accepted yearly?

A: The program begins every Fall Semester, and we accept a maximum of 30 students per year.

Q: How do I apply to the program?

A: The York College PA Master's Program application can be found on CASPA's (Central Application Service for Physician Assistants) website <https://caspa.liaisoncas.com>.

Q: Apart from the CASPA costs, are there additional fees required by York College?

A: Yes. Once you have been selected for an interview, you will be asked to pay a \$75 York College processing fee. This must be completed before an interview can be scheduled. If you are transferring from another CUNY campus, a CUNY Transfer fee of approximately \$70 may apply. If accepted into the program, a commitment deposit of \$250 is required, which will be applied to your tuition once matriculated.

Q: When does the program begin to accept applications and supporting documents?

A: For the 2025-2026 cycle, prospective students may begin to submit their applications and upload their documents to [CASPA's website](#) on April 24, 2025.

Q: When is the application deadline?

A: December 1st. Applications must be verified by CASPA by 11:59 ET on December 1st.

To ensure an application is verified on time, the application should be completed at least four weeks before the deadline

Q: Can I attend the program part-time?

A: No. The Physician Assistant Program is a full-time, 28-month program. There is no part-time evening or weekend classes.

Q: Can I upload my application and supporting documents to CASPA's website before I apply to York?

A: Yes, that is the policy

Q: What is the cost of the program?

A: For information on tuition and fees, see pages 11 and 12 on the PA Master Brochure (this brochure). You may also contact the Bursar's Office at 718-262-2186 or see <http://www.york.cuny.edu/bursar/tuition-fees.html>

Q: *Do you offer student loans?*

A: For student loan information, you may contact Student Financial Services at (718) 262-2230, room AC-1M08, or go to <https://www.york.cuny.edu/financial-aid> and click on “Loans.”

Q: *Do you have clinical sites where I can acquire hours of healthcare experience?*

A: See pages 16 and 17 on the PA Master Brochure (this brochure) for a list of potential sites.

Q: *Does the program accept virtual shadowing hours as a healthcare experience?*

A: No. Virtual healthcare hours are no longer accepted.

Q: *Do I have to complete all the prerequisites before applying to the program?*

A: No, you may be in the process of completing one (1) science prerequisite or statistics, not both. You may also be in the process of completing the behavioral science prerequisites and courses to complete a bachelor’s degree. You must complete all the prerequisites and obtain a bachelor’s degree before July 31st, the year that you will enroll in the program.

Q: *Are online courses satisfactory for your prerequisite requirements?*

A: Yes, if the online courses are from a known accredited college.

Q: *Do you accept statistics courses other than regular statistics, for example, biostatistics?*

A: Yes, however, the program may need to review the course description for approval. If you are unsure whether your course is acceptable, you can send us your course description via email to pacoursereview@york.cuny.edu. The course will be reviewed, and you will be notified of the outcome.

Q: *Do you accept any type of psychology course to fulfill the psychology prerequisite requirement?*

A: Yes

Q: *Does the program accept transfer courses from professional or medical programs?*

A: No, the program follows the York College policy of not accepting courses from professional or medical programs.

Q: *If I completed the didactic year of a PA Program at a different school; would your program accept my PA Program courses?*

A: No. Under no circumstances does the program accept any courses from another PA program.

Q: I took organic chemistry and did not realize I had to take biochemistry. Can I substitute organic chemistry for biochemistry?

A: No, the program does not allow any substitutions for any of the science prerequisite courses.

Q: Will all the science courses I have taken be included in my science GPA?

A: No, only the PA Program's eight (8) science prerequisite courses, including all repeats and expired science prerequisite courses.

Q: Is the GRE required for this PA Program?

A: No

Q: Does the program accept pass/fail grades for the science prerequisites?

A: No. However, an exception is for courses taken during the COVID-19 Pandemic period, which include the courses that were taken during the Spring 2020, Fall 2020, or Spring 2021 semesters.

Q: How many times can an applicant apply to our PA Program?

A: You can reapply twice with the option of petitioning for a third chance.

Q: At what point during the admission cycle are acceptance letters sent out?

A: The program operates on a rolling admission basis. Applications are continually being reviewed, and decisions are being made throughout the process.

Q: Does the PA Program offer any scholarships?

A: No. However, the college may have options available. You can check with the college's scholarship office at Scholarships@york.cuny.edu

Q: Can you be accepted into the PA Program if you are not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States?

A: Yes. The York College PA Program does not exclude students based on immigration status. Students eligible for acceptance to CUNY are eligible to apply. However, because PA students rotate at clinical sites that require background checks and would need to obtain licensure before being able to practice medicine, a valid social security number is required for such purposes

Q: Can you take the certification exam if you are not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States?

A: Yes. You may be eligible to sit for the exam if you graduate from an accredited Physician Assistant Program and meet all other requirements set forth by the certifying agency. You can get additional information by visiting NCCPA's website at <https://www.nccpa.net>

Q: Can you work or practice as a Physician Assistant if you are not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States?

A: Yes. State law requirements vary. It is strongly encouraged to seek legal help on such matters. The CUNY Citizenship Now office may also be helpful:
<https://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/communications-marketing/citizenship-now/>

Q: What type of college degree will I acquire after I graduate from the program?

A: Students who graduate from the PA program receive a Master of Science (MS) degree in Physician Assistant Studies.

Q: Can students who graduate with their BS in Physician Assistant Studies at York come back to complete the MS program?

A: No, this will not be possible since, with the transition to a graduate degree, many of the PA courses offered for the BS will also be offered for the MS program.

Q: Can I update my application after it has been verified by CASPA?

A: Yes, you can update your application until the current CASPA cycle closes in March.

Please note: Interviews for the Fall class will commence in the preceding Fall into the Spring semester. Applicants who have submitted a completed, verified application, all required documentation, and meet all the criteria for an interview will be called first. The program currently admits a maximum of 30 students per year, and interviews will continue until the program officials deem it necessary. Every attempt will be made to notify candidates by March 31st