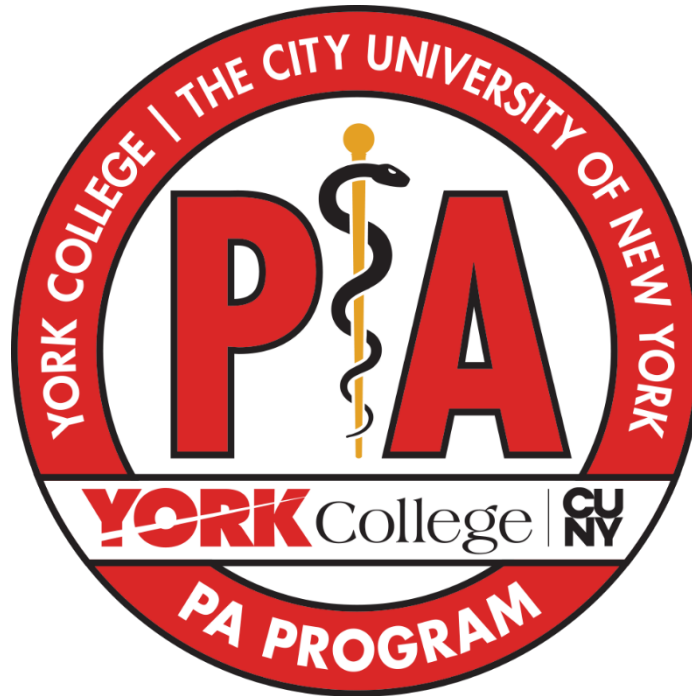


Physician Assistant Admission Brochure

School of Health Sciences and Professional Programs



2026 – 2027 Admission Cycle

Revised 4/2026

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Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
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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remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with Standards.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 April 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 PA 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 (MSPAS). The current PA 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. Schedules are generally 9 AM to 5 PM Mondays through Fridays, but may vary. The remaining 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.

Physician Assistant National Certification Examination (PANCE) Results:

CLASS	Students who took the Exam	Passed on the First Attempt	First Attempt Pass Rate	Total Pass Rate For Graduating Class
2022	27	27	100%	100%
2023	27	23	85%	96%
2024	25	23	92%	100%
2025	27	27	100%	100%
2025	27	27	100%	100%

Our most recent [5-year PANCE Pass Rate](https://www.york.cuny.edu/pa) 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.	Minimum Grade Accepted
Biological Principles I (with Lab)	BIO 201	4	C
Biological Principles II (with Lab)	BIO 202	4	C
Human Anatomy and Physiology I (with Lab)	BIO 234	4	B-
Human Anatomy and Physiology II (with Lab)	BIO 235	4	B-
Microbiology (without Lab)	BIO 265 & Bio 465	3	B-
Principles of Chemistry I (with Lab) *see note	CHEM 108 & 109	4-5	C
Principles of Chemistry II (with Lab)	CHEM 111 & 112	4-5	C
Biochemistry *see note (without Lab)	CHEM 412 or BIO 412 or BIO 460	3-5	C
Psychology (Any psych course is acceptable)	PSY	3	C
Psychology or Sociology or Anthropology (Any 1 of the above courses is acceptable)	PSY or SOC or ANTH	3	C
Statistics (Any type of stats course is acceptable)	MATH 111	3-4	C

*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.

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.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

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.

Step 1: Determine Eligibility for Application:

1. **Completion of a bachelor's degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher**
 - *Please note that the bachelor's degree must be completed before July 31st, in the year that you will enroll in the program*

2. **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 Cumulative GPA (CUM GPA)

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

Please note the following:

- 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 CUM GPA of 3.0 or better with the most recent sixty credits), you may submit a letter to the PA Program (paprogram@york.cuny.edu) explaining the initial performance and subsequent improvement, along with your most current transcript. If the petition is accepted, the maximum CUM GPA will be 3.0.
- 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. There is no time restriction on these courses.
- The Human Anatomy & Physiology and Microbiology courses must be completed within five **(5)** years of enrollment.
- Other Science prerequisite courses (Biology, Chemistry, and Biochemistry) and Statistics must be completed within ten **(10)** years of enrollment. Courses completed outside of this window will not be accepted and must be repeated.
- As an alternative to repeating the General Biology I & II OR General Chemistry I & II courses, applicants may demonstrate adequate content knowledge by successful completion of the

CLEP ([College Level Equivalency Placement](https://clep.collegeboard.org)) Exam. <https://clep.collegeboard.org>.

The CLEP exam for Biology would satisfy General Biology I & II, whereas the CLEP exam for Chemistry would satisfy General Chemistry I & II. York College PA only accepts one (1) CLEP exam from the applicant.

If an applicant has taken and passed the USMLE Step 1 within the last five years, they can be waived from repeating any outdated science prerequisites (**EXCEPT** Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II, and Microbiology).

- If an applicant has taken advanced placement (AP) chemistry and/or biology courses in high school, within **10** years of enrollment, those scores can be used to fulfill the general biology and/or general chemistry requirements.
- Science prerequisites completed greater than the allowed 10-year period of enrollment will not be used in the science prerequisite GPA calculations. However, for any repeated science prerequisite course completed within the 10-year period of enrollment, both grades will be used in the science prerequisite GPA calculations. The average of both grades for any repeated science prerequisite course completed within the 10-year period of enrollment will be calculated and serve as the final GPA for that course.
- For the Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II courses and Microbiology courses, earned grades of C+ and below will not be accepted. In the event these courses are repeated, the average of both attempts must be at least a “B -” (or GPA of 2.7).
- CUM GPA will be calculated using all courses regardless of timeline or when it was completed.
- Science Prerequisites can only be repeated once within their 5 or 10-year expiration period as outlined above.
- Courses with grades of “W” (withdrawal) will not be counted as a repeated attempt and, therefore, will not be included in the GPA calculation.
- Expired science prerequisites are still factored into the **cumulative 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 course, **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 July 31st, prior to your enrollment in the fall semester.

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

3. Completion of at least 750 hours of Patient Care Experience (PCE) in a healthcare environment, either volunteer or paid.

Note: While at least **750** PCE hours are required for admission to the program, a **minimum of**

500 hours must be completed and documented at the time of application. Of this, at least **250** PCE hours must be completed within the last three years.

A separate letter on letterhead must be uploaded to CASPA as proof of healthcare experience, including contact information for your source.

Examples and Verification of Patient Care Experience: This should be a SEPARATE letter from any of the reference/recommendation letters. PCE means that the experience must be in a direct patient healthcare environment and should occur within a licensed healthcare facility (organization). The experience must be related to patient management.

Examples of **acceptable** PCE include EMTs, Paramedics, Medical Assistants, Medical Scribes, Emergency Room Technicians, Nurses, Nurse Aides, Patient Care Associates (Technicians), Allied Health Professionals, etc. Shadowing a PA is also highly recommended.

Examples of **unacceptable** forms of health care hours include Receptionist, Clerical Work, Medical Salesperson, Home Health Aide, Direct Support Professional, caring for a relative or friend, virtual shadowing hours, PCE limited to only shadowing a PA/Physician, etc. If you believe that your healthcare experience qualifies as a direct PCE, as described above, you may submit a maximum of a 150-word response for consideration.

Verification of healthcare hours is a requirement for the York College, CUNY PA Program. Although CASPA will deem your application complete without verification of your healthcare hours, without it, your application will be denied. Verification of healthcare hours can include a letter from the human resources department, a supervisor, a health professional being shadowed, or an administrator. However, 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.

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

caspa.cas.myliaison.com.

Please follow all instructions and upload all necessary documents listed below to CASPA's website.

Note: **A VERIFIED application has to be on file with CASPA NO LATER THAN 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*

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. 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 (currently \$75), must be paid to York College. Instructions 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!*

International Students

Applicants from countries where English is not the primary language, or those who obtained a degree from such a country, are required to submit TOEFL scores. While individual program requirements vary, competitive applicants typically score at least a 4.0 on the new 1–6 band scale (equivalent to a 75 on the previous 0–120 scale). Please note that TOEFL scores are valid for two years from the date of the examination.

All foreign applicants must have their foreign transcripts evaluated by “[The Evaluation Company](#)” (TEC), formerly known as SpanTran. TEC has created a **custom application for York College** for the York College PA Program, which can be accessed at: <https://spanside.my.salesforce-sites.com/SpantranApplication>.

The program also accepts evaluation from the “[World Education Services](#)” (WES), if you prefer. 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 at least 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

Required Technical Standards for Admission & Retention

The following technical standards for admission and retention establish the essential mental and physical abilities required for the successful completion of the York College Physician Assistant Program and for entry into professional PA practice.

All students admitted to the York College Physician Assistant Program are expected to be able to perform the tasks listed, with or without reasonable accommodation. York College offers a variety of services, activities, and accommodations to students with disabilities, mainly through the [Centers for Students with Disabilities](#).

Required Skills and Attributes

Intellectual-Conceptual, Integrative, and Quantitative Abilities: PA students must be able to sustain attention, reason, analyze, and learn a large amount of complex information. Information from various disciplines and sources must be correlated, and concepts must be 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.

Observation and Sensory Functions: Students must be able to observe accurately in lecture, laboratory, and clinical patient care settings. They must have adequate sensory skills (including vision, hearing, and tactile sensation) to elicit medical histories and perform complete physical examinations utilizing inspection, percussion, palpation, and auscultation.

Communication Skills: 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 all members of the healthcare team. This includes the ability to perceive nonverbal communications and describe changes in mood, activity, and posture.

Motor and Neuromuscular Control: Students must have adequate neuromuscular control to perform therapeutic and diagnostic procedures (such as blood drawing, suturing, and casting), respond to emergency situations, and move about various healthcare environments. The didactic phase requires extended sitting, while the clinical phase requires extended standing and physical movement within clinical facilities.

Behavioral and Social Attributes: Students must maintain the emotional health required for the full utilization of their intellectual abilities and the exercise of good judgment. They must be able to relate to patients and colleagues professionally, maintain composure during periods of high stress, and respond appropriately to emergencies.

Inquiries and Accommodations

Requests for Accommodation: All accommodation requests are voluntary and must be made in writing prior to beginning coursework. Every effort is made to provide reasonable accommodation to students with documented disabilities.

Confidentiality: All information regarding disabilities is handled with strict confidentiality.

Contact Information: Questions regarding these standards or the process of seeking accommodations may be directed to the Program Director or the Coordinator of [Disability Services](#) (Room 1G02; Tel: 718-262-2272).

Consistency: These standards are consistently applied to all applicants and enrolled students and are maintained in the Physician Assistant Program [Didactic Student Handbook](#).

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.

Each application is evaluated using these criteria to determine eligibility for an interview. Race, ethnicity, gender, and religion are excluded from the selection criteria. 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's mission. To ensure that our admission practices are consistently applied in accordance with ARC-PA Standard A3.13, the program utilizes a weighted point system that recognizes mission-aligned attributes. Preference is given to candidates who are first-generation college students, veterans, NYC Metro area residents, CUNY students/alumni, or those from financially disadvantaged backgrounds (as defined by CASPA Economically Disadvantaged Indicator). Following this consistent preliminary review, selected applicants are invited for a formal interview to assess suitability for the profession and the program.

PA Credentials

1. A Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS) 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.
2. 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.
3. Licensure: Upon completion of all requirements, the graduate may 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. As state laws are constantly changing, please refer to the State's licensing board website for more details (<https://www.op.nysed.gov/physician-assistants>).

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:

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Graduate Tuition

Student Type	NY State Resident	NY State Non-Resident
Full-Time Students	\$5,545 per semester	\$855 per credit
Summer & Winter Semesters	\$470 per credit	\$855 per credit
Total Tuition for the Entire PA Program	\$33,085	\$74,385

Graduate Program Excellence Fee

Semester	NY State Resident	NY State Non-Resident
Fall Semesters	\$800 per semester	\$800 per semester
Summer Sessions	\$800 per semester	\$800 per semester
Spring Semesters	\$800 per semester	\$800 per semester
Winter Sessions	\$0 per semester	\$0 per semester
Total Graduate Program Excellence Fees for Entire PA Program	\$5,600	\$5,600

Graduate Contact Hour Overage Charge

Course	NY State Resident	NY State Non-Resident
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 the Entire PA Program	\$2,470	\$3,230

PA Program Course Fees

Course	NY State Resident	NY State Non-Resident
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 (For both NYS Resident and Non-Resident)

Description	Fall/Spring	(Winter/Spring) & Fall in the Clinical Year	Summer
Association, Consolidated, Technology, and University Student Government Fees	\$213.60	131.10	\$88.95
Total University Fees for Entire Program	\$1,080.90		

Total Tuition and Fees (Direct Costs)

Description	NY State Resident	NY State Non-Resident
Total Tuition for the Entire PA Program	\$33,085	\$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
Equipment expenses	Approximately \$700	Approximately \$700
Books (Didactic & Clinical)	Approximately \$500	Approximately \$500
Health Screening and State-Specific Trainings	Approximately \$300	Approximately \$300
Total University Fees	\$1,080.90	\$1,080.90
Total Tuition and Fees	\$47,155.90	\$89,215.90

* PA Program Estimated Indirect Costs	
Housing	\$46,575
Food or Meals	\$10,980
Transportation	\$2,970
Personal Expenditures	\$7,060
Total Estimated Indirect Expenses	\$67,585

****Total Estimated Cost of Attendance**

Costs	NY State Resident	NY State Non-Resident
Direct Costs	\$47,155.90	\$89,215.90
Indirect Costs	\$67,585	\$67,585
Total Estimated Costs	\$114,740.90	\$156,800.90

**These figures are estimates for variable costs for students and are subject to change at any time. These values are reflective of Student's Budget determined and [published by CUNY](#).*

Direct costs: This is the amount you are required to pay directly to the academic institution (e.g., tuition, fees).

Indirect costs: These figures are estimates of your cost of living expenses for the entire program. This projection can vary significantly based on personal circumstances, such as your living situation.

****** The total estimated cost of attendance for the entire 28 months of the program is the combination of both direct and indirect costs for the student.

Any Financial Aid questions should be directed to the [York's Financial Aid Office](#)

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 (1hr lecture/2hrs lab)	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)	Course #	Credits
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

Major Hospitals/Facilities:

- Elmhurst Hospital Center - Elmhurst, NY
- Gouverneur Hospital - New York, NY
- Metropolitan Hospital - New York, NY
- Montefiore Medical Center - Bronx, NY
- New York Hospital Queens - Flushing, NY
- Northshore University Hospital - Manhasset, NY
- Woodhull Hospital - Brooklyn, NY
- Staten Island University Hospital - Staten Island, NY
- St. Albans Veteran Administration Hospital - St. Albans, NY
- St. Francis Hospital, The Heart Center - Roslyn, NY
- Queens Hospital Center - Jamaica, NY

Clinics:

- Amazing Medical Services - Jamaica, NY
- Centers Urgent Care - Middle Village, NY
- Dr. Nicasio Arana - Jamaica, NY
- Dr. Devicka Persaud - Queens NY
- Dr. Loveena Singh - Queens & Long Island, NY
- Far Rockaway Family Practice - Far Rockaway, NY
- Northwell Health Physician Partners Pediatrics - Staten Island, NY
- NaoMedical - Astoria/Jackson Heights/Hicksville/Brooklyn, NY
- CitiMed JFK - Queens, NY
- Qing Zhang medical PC - Queens, NY
- Walk-in Pediatric Care PLLC - Jamaica, NY
- One Stop Medical - Ozone Park, NY

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

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.

Please note that prospective or current PA students are not required to provide or solicit clinical sites or preceptors for the 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.

Potential Volunteer Services

Organization	Location	Contact Information	Coordinator / Notes
Centro Medico	37-51 91st St, Jackson Heights, NY 11372	718-205-5355	Fax resume to Bertha: 718-429- 7952 (English/Spanish)
Beth Israel	1st Ave at 16th St, NY, NY 10003	212-420-2733	Laurie Burns
The Mount Sinai Hospital	One Gustave L. Levy Place, Box 1274, NY, NY 10029	212-241-0478; VolunteerDept@moun tsinai.org	Caroline Boyton
NY Downtown Hospital	170 William Street, NY, NY 10038	917-286-2571	Elaine Wu
LIJ, North Shore Forest Hills	102-01 66th Road, Forest Hills, NY 11375	718-925-6603	Volunteer Services
Elmhurst Hospital	79-01 Broadway, Elmhurst, NY 11373	718-334-5175	Volunteer Services
Jamaica Hospital	8900 Van Wyck Expy, Jamaica, NY 11418	718-206-6000 ext. 4078	Volunteer Services
Queens Hospital Center	82-63 164 Street, N619, Jamaica, NY 11432	718-883-2280	Andrea Adams (Director)
New York Hospital of Queens	5645 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11355	718-670-2000	Volunteer Services
VolunteerNYC.org (NY-Presbyterian)	525 East 68th Street, NY, NY 10021	212-746-4908	Trisha Choi

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 utilizes a two-step application process:

1. The Initial Application ([CASPA](#)): All candidates must first apply through the [CASPA website](#). This application is separate from the general CUNY application.

2. York College Application (By Invitation Only): If you are selected for an interview, you will then be invited to apply to York College. At that stage, you will receive specific email instructions on how to complete the college application and pay the required \$75 processing fee (via check or money order).

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 2026-2027 cycle, prospective students may begin submitting their applications and uploading their documents to [CASPA's website](#) approximately April 30, 2026.

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 are 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 Admission 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: *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 or visit the scholarship center at: <https://www.york.cuny.edu/scholarship>.

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

A: For a list of potential sites, see pages 16 and 17 of the PA Admission Brochure (this brochure).

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

A: No. Virtual healthcare hours are not accepted.

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

A: No. Please see pages 4-5 of this Brochure for additional details.

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

A: Yes, we accept online prerequisite courses as long as they are completed at a regionally accredited U.S. institution. However, because our PA program curriculum is delivered entirely in person, we strongly encourage applicants to complete their prerequisite coursework in a traditional classroom setting to best prepare for the rigor of our learning environment.

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 PA Program does not grant advanced standing, transfer credit, or credit for prior experiential learning. All students must complete the full curriculum regardless of previous experience.

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. The program does not accept any course(s) completed at 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 non-expired eight (8) science prerequisite courses, including all repeats.

Q: *Is the GRE required for this PA Program?*

A: No. The program does not use the GRE or any other standardized testing when making admission decisions.

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: *What is the average science GPA for applicants?*

A: The program's 5-year average Science GPA for accepted students is 3.64.

Q: *What is the average number of Healthcare hours for applicants?*

A: The program's 5-year average patient care experience (PCE) hours for accepted students is 2560.

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

A: Twice. However, applicants considering applying for the third time must submit a petition before applying. This requires a formal letter addressed to the admission committee and emailed to paprogram@york.cuny.edu.

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: 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, appropriate and valid documents may be 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: 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: Does the York College, CUNY PA program prefer certain types of applicants?

A: The program does not discriminate among applicants. It uses a holistic selection process to attract and recruit applicants consistent with its mission. See page ten (10) of the PA Admission Brochure (this brochure) for additional details about our selection criteria.

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 degree in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS).

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.

Q: Can I update my Patient Care Experience (PCE) hours after I submit my CASPA application?

A: Yes, you may submit updates for PCE hours. However, please be advised that to ensure a fair and consistent review process for all candidates, the Admissions Committee primarily utilizes the data available at the time of your initial CASPA submission for preliminary scoring and triage. Post-submission updates are reviewed but are subject to internal administrative caps. We recommend that candidates apply only when they feel their PCE hours accurately reflect their competitiveness.

Q: Can graduates of the York College, CUNY PA Program obtain licensure in other states?

A: Yes, York College has determined that its Physician Assistant program curriculum meets the educational requirements for licensure in all 50 U.S. States and territories. This determination is based on the universal requirements for licensure, which include graduation from an ARC-PA-accredited program and passing the PANCE offered by the NCCPA. While the York College degree satisfies the educational component, each state may have its own specific noneducational requirements (such as background checks, fees, or specific state-mandated training). Applicants and students are strongly encouraged to check with their [individual state licensing board](#) regarding these additional requirements.

Please note: While the program conducts interviews on a rolling basis, interviews for the Fall class may continue 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.