HP - Physician Assistant Studies Graduate Program

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Physician assistants (PAs) are health professionals licensed to practice medicine with the supervision of a physician. PAs work in a variety of practice settings including hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and research centers. PAs are qualified to take medical histories, examine patients, order and administer diagnostic tests, make diagnoses, treat illnesses, and assist in surgery. The care they provide might otherwise be provided by physicians. PAs can provide care as generalists in primary care situations or in subspecialty areas of medicine. Common specialties in which PAs practice include family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, emergency medicine, orthopedics, surgery, and pediatrics.

The PA Program represents a partnership of UW-L, the Gundersen Medical Foundation of La Crosse, and the Mayo School of Health Sciences in Rochester, MN. The graduate-level professional curriculum is 24 months in length and involves classes on the campuses of all three partner institutions. The curriculum includes a 12-month pre-clinical year consisting primarily of classroom and laboratory activities. A 12-month clinical year follows and involves rotations in a variety of clinical specialties. These clinical experiences are provided primarily using Mayo, Gundersen Lutheran, and other practice sites in western Wisconsin, southern Minnesota, and northeastern Iowa.

Upon completion of all degree requirements, students are awarded a Master of Science degree in physician assistant studies from UW-L and a certificate of completion from the program’s institutional partnership. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). To be licensed for practice, graduates must pass the Physician Assistant National Certification Exam (PANCE) administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA).

2018-19 Faculty/Staff

The following is the graduate faculty and staff as of the publication date of this catalog. This list will not be updated again until the next catalog is published in June.

Clinical Assistant Professor
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