



BS IN HEALTH SCIENCES/MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN PATHOLOGISTS' ASSISTANT

The Pathways Honors Early Opportunity Accelerated Degree program (3+2) with Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science (RFUMS), College of Health Professions – Masters of Science (MS) in Pathologists' Assistant program is available to Pathways Honors students pursuing a BS in Health Sciences (BioScience). Following three (3) years of study at DePaul, if accepted, students will begin their MS in Pathologists' Assistant degree during their fourth (4th) year of study at RFUMS in North Chicago, IL. Once a student completes their fourth (4th) year at RFUMS, which is also their first (1st) year of pathologists' assistant school, the student will transfer courses back to DePaul and receive their Bachelor of Science: Health Sciences. The student will then continue their MS education at RFUMS.

THE PROGRAM

The Early Opportunity Accelerated Degree program through the Pathways Honors Program at DePaul University and RFUMS prepares students to:

- Perform a variety of tasks consisting primarily of gross examination of surgical pathology specimens and performance of autopsies.
- Serve as stewards of the profession and empowers you to set forth and provide exceptional care and leadership for the profession.
- Effectively communicate and collaborate with other health care professions in interprofessional teams.

PROGRAM FEATURES

Outstanding faculty. DePaul's faculty are dedicated to student success, working to provide a high quality learning environment, academic and career advising along with co-curricular opportunities. The DePaul faculty and staff take pride in the range of degree programs and opportunities offered to our students. Our professional advisors, modern lab facilities, small class sizes, and engagement of students in research alongside dedicated faculty mentors distinguish a DePaul education. RFUMS faculty have been educating pathologists' assistant leaders to recognize and respect the diversity of patients and fellow healthcare providers and engage in evidence-based practice within the anatomic pathology laboratory.

Accomplished peers. The mix of students at DePaul and RFUMS—with their different backgrounds and perspectives—creates an exciting learning environment that enriches everyone. Students form a network of peers who share similar educational goals, working together in a community of learning and scholarship.

Excellent resources. RFUMS Pathologists' assistant program allows for a ten-month practical course during the second year. Students will rotate through various clinical sites and departments and perform the duties of a Pathologists' Assistant under the guidance of a preceptor. Emphasis will be placed on developing the student's skills of gross tissue description, dissection, and frozen section preparation in surgical pathology. In autopsy pathology, emphasis will be placed on autopsy techniques, including evisceration and block dissection.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit go.depaul.edu/PathwaysHonors, email pathwayshonors@depaul.edu or call (312) 362-8704.

PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

SAVE TIME.

Become a Pathologists' Assistant in five (5) years. Typically, it would take six (6) years to complete a Bachelors of Science and an MS in Pathologists' Assistant Studies.

SAVE MONEY.

By having courses that count towards both your Bachelors of Science and the MS, you will be saving a year undergraduate tuition.

SKIP THE TEST.

Students who are accepted into the RFUMS MS in Pathologist's Assistant Program through the Pathways Honors Early Opportunity Program have their GRE waived.

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	AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
YEAR 1	BIO 191 - General Biology I CHE 130/131 or CHE 120/131 - General Chemistry I with Lab LSP 110 or 111 - Discover or Explore Chicago WRD 103 - Composition and Rhetoric I	BIO 192 - General Biology II CHE 132/133 - General Chemistry II with Lab LSP 112 - Focal Point Seminar WRD 104 - Composition and Rhetoric II	BIO 193 - General Biology III CHE 134/135 - General Chemistry III with lab Learning Domain - Arts and Literature HLTH 201 - Introduction to Health Sciences
YEAR 2	BIO 206 - Biostatistics CHE 230/231 - Organic Chemistry I LSP 200 - Seminar of Multiculturalism in the US HLTH 202 - Health Research Literacy Apply to the Pre-Health Advising Committee by October	HLTH 301 - Anatomy and Physiology A Learning Domain - Arts and Literature HLTH 210 - Introduction to Public Health Learning Domain - Religious Dimensions **Learning Domain - Historical Inquiry	HLTH 302 - Anatomy and Physiology B Learning Domain - Social Cultural and Behavioral (PSY 105 or PSY 106) Learning Domain - Philosophical Inquiry **Learning Domain - Historical Inquiry Experiential Learning Interview at RFUMS/Find out Decision
YEAR 3	Bioscience Elective BIO 210 - Microbiology Learning Domain - Philosophical Inquiry (PHL 229) Learning Domain - Social Cultural and Behavioral (SOC 101)	BIO 250 - Cell Biology HLTH 350 - Senior Capstone Learning Domain - Social Cultural Behavioral Learning Domain - Arts and Literature **Learning Domain - Religious Dimensions	RFUMS - 1st Year Courses Course Begin Late May Start double-counted courses at RFUMS in May
YEAR 4	RFUMS - 1st Year Courses*	RFUMS - 1st Year Courses*	RFUMS - 1st Year Courses* Transfer courses back to DePaul DePaul Graduation with a BS in Health Sciences

**These courses may be fulfilled by AP credits or may be taken over the summer at a local community college after the 1st or 2nd year. DePaul students are charged per credit hour tuition for each quarter hour beyond 18 quarter hours per term. For more details, schedule an appointment with your Pathways Honors academic advisor.

*RFUMS 1st Year Courses:

MCBA 501 - Clinical Anatomy (10 cr.)
HAPA 560A - Clinical Correlations I and Lab (5 cr.)
HAPA 550 - Seminar I (2 cr.)
HAPA 535 - Medical Terminology (1 cr.)
HPAT 600A, B, and C - General and Systemic Pathology (12.5 cr.)
PBBS 503A and B - Structure and Function (11 cr.)
HAPA 561A - Clinical Correlations II and Lab (5 cr.)

HAPA 551 - Seminar II (2 cr.)
HIPS 515A and B - Foundations of Interprofessional Practice (2 cr.)
HAPA 562A - Clinical Correlations III and Lab (5 cr.)
HAPA 552 - Seminar III (2 cr.)
PBBS 504 - Neuroscience (5 cr.)
HAPA 563A - Clinical Correlations IV and Lab (5 cr.)
HAPA 553 - Seminar IV (2 cr.)

HAPA 540A - Autopsy Pathology and Lab (4 cr.)
HPAS 551 - Leadership in the Healthcare Environment (2 cr.)

† **Sample of curricula at DePaul and RFUMS courses are subject to change at any time.**

Curriculum

Years 1 through 3: Complete your liberal studies and BS in Health Sciences requirements, including the prerequisite courses for the MS in Pathologists' Assistant program. The pathologists' assistant program begins in late May and may require summer courses. Apply via DePaul's Pre-Health Advising Committee and complete an interview with RFUMS College of Health Professions faculty and staff.

Year 4: Take 55 credits of MS courses that count towards your DePaul open electives in your BS degree and required courses towards the MS. At the end of year four (4) after successful completion of your pathologists' assistant courses you will graduate from DePaul with a Bachelor of Science: Health Sciences.

Year 5: Complete remaining MS courses.

Eligibility Requirements for the RFUMS DPM Program

- Be a Pathways Honors Student.
- Be enrolled in the BS in Health Sciences with a bioscience concentration and on track to complete the bachelor's degree courses and the MS prerequisites by the end of your junior year.
- Earn at least a B- in each prerequisite course (Biology, Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Microbiology, Biostatistics, Anatomy and Physiology).
- Maintain at least a 3.0 Science GPA and a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- Commit to shadowing a pathologists' assistant and receive a letter of recommendation from a licensed pathologists' assistant.
- Apply via established procedures.

Application Deadline

Students can apply either their 1st or 2nd year at DePaul during Autumn Quarter.

How to Apply

Information sessions about how to apply for admission will be held during Autumn Quarter.

The required application material includes:

- Eligibility/registration into the Pre-Health Advising Committee (PAC)
- The PAC online portfolio
- 3-5 Individual letters of recommendation, including one from a science faculty member and one from a pathologists' assistant.