



BS IN HEALTH SCIENCES/ MASTERS OF SCIENCE (MS) IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (PA) PRACTICE

PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

SAVE TIME.

Become a Physician Assistant in five (5) years. Typically, it would take six (6) years to complete a Bachelor of Science and an MS in PA Practice.

SAVE MONEY.

By having courses that count towards both your Bachelor of Science and MS in PA Practice, you will be saving a year of undergraduate tuition.

SKIP THE TEST.

Students who are accepted to the RFUMS Physician Assistant Practice program through the Pathways Honors Early Opportunity Program have their GRE waived.

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 Physician Assistant (PA) Practice 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 PA Practice 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 physician 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 in PA Practice education at RFUMS.

THE PROGRAM

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

- Provide competent, compassionate, and ethical medical care.
- Be patient advocates and integral members of the interprofessional team by serving the community.
- Work in a variety of healthcare settings such as primary care, surgery, orthopedics, OB/GYN, radiology, pathology, and internal medicine.

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 physician assistant leaders since 1991. The faculty offers students a diverse array of focused educational opportunities by providing excellent didactic and clinical medical education to every student.

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 with their Northwestern Medicine-Huntley affiliate, has a new state-of-the-art simulation facility that includes an emergency department with an ambulance, treatment rooms, and trauma bay; an outpatient clinic; a labor and delivery suite; an inpatient unit; an intensive care unit room; and an operating theater.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

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	AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING
YEAR 1	BIO 191 – General Biology 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	CHE 230/231 – Organic Chemistry I BIO 206 – Biostatistics LSP 200 – Seminar of Multiculturalism in the US HLTH 202 – Health Research Literacy **Learning Domain: Religious Dimensions Apply to the Pre-Health Advising Committee by October	CHE 232/233 – Organic Chemistry II HLTH 301 – Anatomy and Physiology A Learning Domain – Arts and Literature HLTH 210 – Introduction to Public Health **Learning Domain: Religious Dimensions	CHE 234/235 – Organic Chemistry III 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 Interview at RFUMS/Find out Decision
YEAR 3	CHE 340/341 – Biochemistry BIO 210 – Microbiology Learning Domain – Philosophical Inquiry (PHL 229) Learning Domain – Social Cultural and Behavioral (SOC 101) **Experiential Learning	BIO 250 – Cell Biology HLTH 350 – Senior Capstone Learning Domain – Social Cultural Behavioral Learning Domain – Arts and Literature **Learning Domain: Historical Inquiry	RFUMS – 1st Year Courses Start double-counted courses at RFUMS in April
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.)
HPAS 500 – Professional Issues and Ethics (2 cr.)
HPAS 512 – Clinical Decision Making (1 cr.)
HPAS 537 – Population Medicine (2 cr.)
HPAS 538 – Introduction to Clinical Medicine for the Physician Assistant (2 cr.)
HPAS 539 – Introduction to Pharmacotherapy (1 cr.)
HPAS 501 – General Medicine & Infectious Disease – I (9 cr.)

HPAS 502 – Introduction to EKG (2 cr.)
HPAS 515 – Psychosocial Aspects of Patient Care (1 cr.)
HPAS 522 – Clinical Decision Making II (2 cr.)
HPAS 528 – Research and Statistics (2 cr.)
HPAS 650 – Complementary Medicine (1 cr.)
HIPS 515A – Foundations of Interprofessional Practice (2 cr.)
HPAS 600 – Pharmacotherapy I (4 cr.)
HPAS 532 – Interprofessional Case Collaborations (2 cr.)

HPAS 510 – General Medicine & Infectious Disease II (9 cr.)
HPAS 542 – Clinical Decision Making III (2 cr.)
HPAS 513 – Physical Examination (4 cr.)
HPAS 525 – Geriatrics (2 cr.)
HPAS 540 – Pediatrics (2 cr.)
HPAS 610 – Pharmacotherapy II (4 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 prerequisites courses for the MS in PA Practice program. The PA Practice program begins in April 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: Attend RFUMS and take 55 credits of MS in PA Practice courses that count towards your DePaul open electives in your BS degree and required courses towards the MS in PA Practice degree. At the end of year four (4) after successful completion of your physician assistant school courses you will graduate from DePaul with a Bachelor of Science: Health Sciences.

Year 5: Complete the remaining MS in PA Practice courses.

Eligibility Requirements for the RFUMS MD 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 PA Practice prerequisites by the end of your junior year.
- Earn at least a B- in each prerequisite course (Biology, Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Anatomy and Physiology).
- Maintain at least a 3.2 Science GPA and a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- Commit to at least 600 hours of direct patient contact prior to matriculation.
- Apply via established procedures.

Application Deadline

Students can apply either during 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 health professional