PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

- University of Oklahoma, Health Sciences Center
- College of Medicine
- Department of Family and Preventive Medicine
- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
• OUHSC-OKC PA Program was established in 1970
• 27-month program with graduates earning a Master of Health Science degree upon successful completion of the program.
• Accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA)
Accreditation

The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has granted Accreditation-Continued status to the University of Oklahoma Physician Assistant Program sponsored by the University of Oklahoma. 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remains in effect until the program closes or withdraws from the accreditation process or until accreditation is withdrawn for failure to comply with the Standards. The approximate date for the next validation review of the program by the ARC-PA will be September 2024. The review date is contingent upon continued compliance with the Accreditation Standards and ARC-PA policy.
Tulsa PA Program

- Established in 2008
- Part of the University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine
  - Tulsa and OKC PA programs are independently accredited
- Tulsa PA Program has a separate application process
  - CASPA application available at www.caspaonline.org
  - Supplemental application through OUHSC
- Students applying to both programs MUST complete application and submit supplemental information (letters of recommendations, personal statements, resumes, etc.) to BOTH programs.
Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination
Five Year First Time Taker Summary Report

Program Name: University of Oklahoma
Program Number: 1024
Report Date: 07-18-2017

Definitions of the report headings are provided at the end of the report.
All information is current as of the date the report was generated.

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Five Year First Time Taker Average Pass Rate for Program: 95%
Five Year National First Time Taker Average: 95%
OUHSC-OKC PA Program

- Classes begin **early-June**
- Graduation in October
- Curriculum is divided into three sections:
  - Didactic Component
  - Clinical Component
  - Summative Component
Admission Information

Application Deadline  OCTOBER 1
Application Criteria

• Requirements
  – Application
  – Credit Hours
  – Prerequisites
  – Grade Point Averages and GRE
  – Resume
  – Personal Statement
  – Letters of Recommendations
  – Personal Interview
Application

- Deadline is **OCTOBER 1**
  - *Applications will be available through CASPA on June 1st*
    - It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure ALL application materials are submitted to CASPA by October 1. caspainfo@caspaonline.org
    - A supplemental application must also be submitted to OUHSC office of admissions and records by October 1. https://apps.ouhsc.edu/admissions/
    - **Failure to have all materials submitted by October 1st will result in an incomplete application. Incomplete applications are not considered for interviews.**
  - Apply early, allows time to submit missing or incomplete information
  - It can take CASPA up to 4 weeks to verify submitted information
Application

• Check Application Status
  • Applicants should check the CASPA Applicant Portal https://portal.caspaonline.org/ frequently to verify that references, personal statements, and transcripts have been received and verified
  • All application materials received for the supplemental application will be posted on the admissions website http://www.ouhsc.edu/admissions/Home.aspx
New Requirement

The CASPer test assesses non-cognitive skills and interpersonal characteristics important for successful students and graduates of the program and is used to complement the other applicant screening tools. Completion of the CASPer test is required; results are valid for one admissions cycle.

Test dates are limited! Test dates may be found at https://takecasper.com/test-dates/#testdates.

Learn more here and at https://takecasper.com.
### Clinical Curriculum

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**Clinical Year Courses**

- Medical Practice Management
- Clinical Inquiry and Scholarly Research
- Senior Summative
Prerequisites

• No more than one science and non-science prerequisite can be in progress after December 31st of the year prior to enrollment in the program.

• A bachelor’s degree must be earned prior to matriculation from an accredited college or university.
Prerequisites

- Non-Science
  - College Algebra (or higher)
  - Psychology
  - Psychology Elective (NOT sociology)
Prerequisites

• Science

The following courses are **required** with a letter grade of “C” or better

- General Chemistry I
- General Chemistry II
- Human Anatomy
- Physiology
- Microbiology
- Pathogenic Microbiology, Immunology, Genetics, or Virology

- One semester of Anatomy and one semester of Physiology OR two semesters of a combined anatomy and physiology course (A&P)

- There is no preference for one course over another for pathogenic microbiology, immunology, genetics, or virology
College credit outside the US

• Additional paperwork needed

• Transcripts evaluated by WES

• **TOEFL if needed – Born outside the US**
  **Minimum Score of 100**

• Handout with specific steps

http://www.oumedicine.com/familymedicine/academic-information/pa-program---okc/prospective-students/international-students-international-graduates
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## Average Age

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# Residency

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<td>Class of 2020</td>
<td>84%</td>
<td>16%</td>
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Poor Grades

• Fix the Problem

• Last 60 Hours are Important
  • Good indicator of subsequent academic potential

• Science Hours are Important
  • It is recommended to take a higher level course in the same field when science course grade is poor
Resume

• Focus on:
  • Involvement in pre-PA organizations
  • Work experience
  • Volunteerism
  • Leadership experience
  • Involvement in professional clubs/organizations/sororities/fraternities
  • Shadowing experiences (list PA, specialty and time spent with PA)
  • Please use the resume format provided Resume Template
Personal Statement

• One-page statement on why you want to be a PA
• Allows us to evaluate your writing style
• Gives the interviewers a chance to learn something about you prior to the interview
Personal Interview

- Interviews will be held early January
- Allows us to get to know you personally, not just what is on paper
- We are mostly interested in what kind of person you are and how you would fit into our program
  - Recommendations
    - Make eye contact, smile, relax!
    - Be honest and forthright with your answers
    - Know why you want to be a PA rather than any other profession
    - Ask questions of the interviewers
Selection Letters

- Emailed by the Office of Admissions in February
  - Acceptance
  - Alternate List
  - Denial
Healthcare Experience

• We understand that it can be hard to get healthcare experience

• It is more important to find out the role of PAs in various settings

• Volunteering is encouraged
  • Helping others is the foundation of medicine
  • Shows compassion and empathy towards others
# Patient Contact Hours

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<th>Average Patient Contact Hours</th>
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PA Shadowing

• A certain number of shadowing hours is not required
• Recommend shadowing PA’s from the following:
  • Primary Care
  • Emergency Medicine
  • Specialty (dermatology, pediatrics...etc.)
Shadowing

http://pashadowonline.com/
# Shadowing Hours

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Financial Commitment

- Due to the intense nature of the program students are discouraged from working.
- Student loans are available to cover not only the cost of tuition and fees, but also the costs of daily life expenses.
- Class of 2016 student loan debt reported 82,000, based on data from graduation exit survey.
# Program Costs-Tuition and Fees for 2017-2018 Academic Year

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
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<td>$7633.20</td>
<td>$15,446.20</td>
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Total Resident Tuition, Mandatory, & College Fees: $42,465.40

Total Nonresident Tuition, Mandatory, & College Fees: $81,530.40
Program Costs-Estimated Additional Program Cost

- Total Estimated Additional Program Cost - $9693.25
  - Books/Supplies - $6149.00
  - Computer - $1500.00
  - Medical Equipment - $1059.25

If you need more information in regards to Financial Aid and/or Tuition and Fees please feel free to visit the websites for Financial Aid or the Bursar Services. You may also email us at infookc-pa@ouhsc.edu or visit our website.
• Effective June 2016, all incoming and current students must undergo a criminal background check and urine drug screening annually according to OU Board of Regents’ Policy.
• Failure to complete these requirements could impact your admission to or retention in the program.
  7yr CBC $75
  1yr CBC $63
  UDS (annually) $32
  Total UDS/CBC cost for program-$202

http://students.ouhsc.edu/FormsandPolicies.aspx
Recommendations if not Selected

• Prepare for possibility of not being selected
  • Enroll in spring courses
• Don’t get discouraged
  • Many students are not accepted on their first application
  • Repeat application shows grit and commitment
Recommendations if not Selected

- General recommendations
  - Follow any recommendations given by the Program
  - Complete degree, if not done already
  - Gain more shadowing experience
  - Take upper level science courses or graduate courses
  - Healthcare experience
  - Volunteering
Final Recommendations

• Practice interview skills with an advisor/professor/boss

• Research our program and the PA profession prior to interview
  • Visit our website @ www.ouhsc.edu/paprogram
  • Talk to PAs and PA students
  • Visit the AAPA and SAAAPA websites (http://www.aapa.org/ and www.saaapa.aapa.org)
  • Outside resources…OAPA…NCCPA…OMLB…ARC-PA…PAEA
  • Be knowledgeable of current events and medical issues

• Bring copy of latest transcript and updated resume with you to the interview
More Information

- **PA Program**
  www.ouhsc.edu/paprogram
  405-271-2058
- **Class and Students**
  PAstudents-OKC@ouhsc.edu
- **Pre-PA Advisement Sessions**
  infoOKC-PA@ouhsc.edu

- **Prerequisites and Course Transfer Information**
  Office of Admissions
  405-271-2359
  http://www.ouhsc.edu/admissions/Home.aspx
- **Online CASPA Application**
  https://portal.caspaonline.org/
- **Online Supplemental Application**
  https://apps.ouhsc.edu/admissions/
