

MS Phys Asst Stdy

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Under Review | Fall Medical 2023

Proposal Information

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Proposal Information

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Existing	Existing	
<b>Sponsoring faculty member</b> ⓘ	<b>Faculty email</b>	
<b>College</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Campus</b>
School of Medicine	Physician Assistant Program	Health Sciences Center (Albuquerque)

Effective Term and Year

Proposed  
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Fall Medical 2023  
Validation Error: dateStart is not a valid term date. Here are some examples  
of valid terms: 2023-03-15, 2023-05-27, 2023-08-08, 2023-10-20, 2024-01-01

Existing  
**Proposed Effective Term and Year**  
Fall Medical 2006

## Justification

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Proposed  
**Program Justification**  
The purpose of this program change form is to clarify general program information and admission requirements.

Existing  
**Program Justification**

## Associated Forms

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Select any associated course forms that exist

Select any associated program forms that exist

## Program Category and Level

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Program Category	Program Level	Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name
Program	Graduate	Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
Proposed New Graduate Program	Dual Degree	Proposed New Undergrad Degree/Certificate
No	No	No
Existing New Graduate Program		Existing New Undergrad Degree/Certificate
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## Catalog Information

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**Program Description**

The program's mission is to educate PA students to become exemplary providers with a focus on primary care medicine for the underserved and rural populations of New Mexico. This program is housed in the Department of Family and Community Medicine within the School of Medicine. Instruction is provided by various departments and faculties of the Health Sciences Center. Small group tutorials are actively used in the professional curriculum. The 27-month program consists of didactic and clinical instruction. Students can expect to have several clinical clerkships in rural and underserved areas of New Mexico. Upon successful completion of the curriculum, a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies degree is awarded.

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### **Admissions Requirements**

Detailed information on all requirements for admission is available online through the Physician Assistant Program's website. Applications are submitted online through the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA). Students are admitted once per year, with classes beginning in the summer.

Interested students are encouraged to carefully review the PA Program website and attend a group advisement workshop. Prospective students may sign up for these sessions online.

Applicants must meet all requirements detailed on the UNM PA Program website. A portion of qualified applicants are invited for an interview with the UNM PA Program admissions committee. Admission to the UNM PA Program is highly competitive; meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee an interview.

For further information, please contact the PA Program at [HSC-PAProgram@salud.unm.edu](mailto:HSC-PAProgram@salud.unm.edu).

Existing

### **Admissions Requirements**

Pre-Professional Curriculum Applicants must have a B.A./B.S. degree or higher by the August 1 application deadline. They must complete prerequisites prior to the application deadline and receive a grade of C or higher, with the exception of one outstanding prerequisite course which applicants may have in progress at the time of application. This one outstanding prerequisite course must be completed by December of the application year with a grade of B or above. All prerequisites must be taken in the United States for a letter grade. Science prerequisites must be taken within the last 10 years. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is calculated based on the most recent 60 college credit hours. Also, a required science/math grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is calculated using all science and math course grades from the past 10 years. For a complete list of all requirements please visit our web page. Course numbers listed below refer to the University of New Mexico courses. Credit Hours Science BIOL 2110C Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Lecture and Laboratory 4 BIOL 2210 Human Anatomy and Physiology I 3 BIOL 2210L Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory 1 BIOL 2225 Human Anatomy and Physiology II 3 BIOL 2225L Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory 1 (CHEM 1215 and CHEM 1225) or (CHEM 1217 and CHEM 1227) General Chemistry I for STEM Majors General Chemistry II for STEM Majors Principles of Chemistry I and Principles of Chemistry II 6 CHEM 1215L General Chemistry I for STEM Majors Laboratory 1 CHEM 1225L General Chemistry II for STEM Majors Laboratory 1 PSY or PSYC Psychology 3 Communication Skills ENGL Any 2 writing, literature, public speaking or linguistics courses 6 Applicants should contact the PA Program for guidance on additional courses that are highly recommended for admission.

### **Graduation Requirements**

## **Program Information**

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### **Degree Type**

Master of Science

**Program Type**

Graduate

**CIP Code** ⓘ**CIP Title** ⓘ**Plan Options**

Plan II (Non-thesis)

## Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

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Proposed

**Licensure Information**

Pre-licensure

Existing

**Licensure Information**

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Proposed

**Professional credential or licensure description**

Upon successful completion of the curriculum, students will be able to take the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE) for certification. After passing PANCE, PAs are issued NCCPA certification and can use the PA-C designation until the certification expiration date (approximately two years).

Existing

**Professional credential or licensure description**

## File Uploads

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Proposal File Upload

Executive Summary Upload

Associate Provost Memo

## Degree Information

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Degree Hours

86

Minimum Major Hours

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**Professional Accrediting Bodies**

Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA)

Existing

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## Degree Requirements

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Didactic Phases

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Total Credits

Fetching rules...

Clinical Phase

28

Total Credits

- Complete all of the following
  - Complete the following:
    - PAST560 - PA Clerkship Family Medicine (3)
    - PAST561 - PA Clerkship Women's Health and Prenatal Care (3)
    - PAST562 - PA Clerkship Pediatrics (3)
    - PAST563 - PA Clerkship Behavioral Medicine - Psychiatry (3)
    - PAST564 - PA Clerkship Emergency Medicine (3)
    - PAST565 - PA Clerkship General Internal Medicine (3)
    - PAST566 - PA Clerkship Elective (3)
    - PAST568 - PA Clerkship Surgery (3)
    - PAST575 - PA Clerkship Primary Care (3)
  - Earn at least 1 credits from the following:
    - PAST600 - PA Program to Practice (1 - 3)

## Concentrations

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### Program Concentrations

Code

Title

### Concentration Required

No

## Emphases

Emphasis required ⓘ

Emphasis Hours

No

### Emphasis Rules

No Rules

## Program Learning Outcomes

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### Learning Outcomes

In order to accomplish our mission, the UNM PA Program provides a supportive educational environment that assures each student the opportunity to acquire and demonstrate the following Program Goals and Competencies of the PA Profession:

- Acquire and demonstrate Medical Knowledge
- Develop Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- Develop and demonstrate Patient Care Skills
- Demonstrate and model Professionalism & Ethical Behavior
- Acquire Practice-Based Learning and Life-long Improvement Skills
- Develop Knowledge of Healthcare Delivery Systems and Health Policy

Existing

### Learning Outcomes