

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE DEGREE (PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE)

History

The Physician Associate (Physician Assistant) Program at Our Lady of the Lake College began in January 2006.

Purpose/Program Mission

The purpose of the Physician Associate (PA) Program at Our Lady of the Lake College is to educate outstanding physician assistants who, together with physicians and allied professionals, will provide quality health care to the residents of Louisiana and other states.

Enrollment

Applicants to the PA Program must complete a graduate application for Our Lady of the Lake College and fulfill all requirements of the program as listed below. Enrollment is limited to 30 students per year and admission is selective. Students must meet the program's *Technical Standards* and immunization requirements before matriculation.

Length of Program

The Master of Medical Science Degree consists of a total of 88 graduate credit hours of which 54 are completed in the first three semesters (the didactic phase) of the program. The remaining 34 credit hours are completed in the following four semesters (the clinical phase) and consist of 30 credit hours of clinical rotations and 4 credit hours of PA and Masters seminars.

Application Procedure

Information on the application process may be obtained through the OLOL College web site at lolcollege.edu or the College Admissions Office located at 7434 Perkins Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, 225-766-1700 or the PA Program (225) 214-6988. Applications are completed and submitted through Central application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) at caspaonline.org. The application fee is \$50 and the application deadline is August 1. Once the completed application is received and reviewed by the PA Program, the applicant will be notified as to whether an interview has been granted. When all interviews have been concluded, an applicant will be informed by the program as to final acceptance pending completion of immunization and health requirements.

Tuition

Tuition for the PA Program will be \$540 per credit hour plus a student fee of approximately \$450 per semester. Additional costs include course texts and medical diagnostic equipment.

Financial Assistance

Counselors are available to assist students with the financial aid process. All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aide (FAFSA) form. Once enrolled, students are eligible for a number of scholarship awards offered by PA professional organizations.

Accreditation

Our Lady of the Lake College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees. Contact the Commission in Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Our Lady of the Lake College. The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. has granted accreditation to Our Lady of the Lake College Physician Associate Program as of September, 2005. As a result, OLOLC PA graduates are eligible to sit for the National Certification Examination for Physician Assistants, a credential required for state licensure.

Minimum Admission Requirements

The applicant for admission to the Physician Associate Program must have:

1. Successfully completed a baccalaureate degree.
2. Successfully completed prerequisite courses in:
 - a. Anatomy and Anatomy lab (A&P I & II, plus labs, fulfill prerequisites a & b)
 - b. Physiology
 - c. Genetics
 - d. Biochemistry OR Organic Chemistry
 - e. Psychology
 - f. Microbiology
 - g. Statistics
 - h. Medical Terminology
3. Completed the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) with a score of 4 or better on the writing analysis and meet the minimum score using the graduate program formula.
4. Current CPR certification.
5. Direct patient contact experience (a minimum of 6 months preferred).
6. Applicants with English as a second language must adhere to the OLOLC ESL policy and take the Test of Spoken English (TSE) with a score of 55 or higher.

**Our Lady of the Lake College
Physician Associate Curriculum- 28 Month Program**

Phase I- Spring 1		Phase I- Summer 1	
Courses:	Credit Hours	Courses:	Credit Hours
PHAS 5726 History and Professional Issues	2	PHAS 5710 Biostatistics	3
PHAS 5740 Medical Anatomy and Neuroanatomy	6	PHAS 5751 Foundations of Clinical Medicine and Surgery II	3
PHAS 5742 Medical Physiology	4	PHAS 5762 Psychiatry Psychosocial Dynamics	3
PHAS 5750 Foundations of Clinical Medicine and Surgery I	3	PHAS 5727 Patient Assessment; Interviewing and Physical Examination	4
PHAS 5755 Introduction to Clinical Laboratory Medicine	3	PHAS 5745 Electrocardiology and Radiology	2
		PHAS 5731 Pharmacotherapeutics I	3
Total Semester Hours	18	Total Semester Hours	18
Phase I- Fall 1		Phase II- Spring 2	
Courses:	Credit Hours	Courses:	Credit Hours
PHAS 5715 Research Methods	3	4 Clinical Rotations (2.5 credits/rotation)	10
PHAS 5720 Infectious Diseases & AIDS	3		
PHAS 5732 Pharmacotherapeutics II	3		
PHAS 5728 Clinical Medicine Skills	3		
PHAS 5752 Foundations of Clinical Medicine and Surgery III	3		
PHAS 5753 Foundations of Clinical Medicine and Surgery IV	2		
PHAS 5760 PA Ethics and Medical Law	1		
Total Semester Hours	18	Total Semester Hours	10
Phase II- Summer 2		Phase II- Fall 2	
Courses:	Credit Hours	Courses:	Credit Hours
2 Clinical Rotations (2.5 credits/rotation)	5	4 Clinical Rotations (2.5 credits/rotation)	10
Total Semester Hours	5	Total Semester Hours	10
Phase III- Spring 3			
Courses:	Credit Hours		
PHAS 5725 PA Seminar	1		
PHAS 5790 Master's Seminar	3		
2 Clinical Rotations (2.5 credits/rotation)	5		
Total Semester Hours	9		
TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS	88		

Clinical Rotations

PHAS 5770 Emergency Medicine (2.5); PHAS 5771 Internal Medicine I (2.5); PHAS 5772 Internal Medicine II (2.5); PHAS 5773 General Surgery (2.5); PHAS 5774 Pediatrics (2.5); PHAS 5775 OB/Gyn (2.5); PHAS 5776 Family Practice I (2.5); PHAS 5777 Family Medicine II (2.5); PHAS 5778 Psychiatry (2.5); PHAS 5779 Elective Rotation I (2.5); PHAS 5780 Elective Rotation II (2.5); PHAS 5781 Elective Rotation III (2.5)