About your leading role

What is a Physician Assistant?
Physician Assistants (PA) are certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) – a mark of professional accomplishment – and state-licensed. They are health professionals who practice medicine as members of a team with their supervising physicians. PAs deliver a broad range of medical and surgical services to diverse populations in rural and urban settings. As part of their comprehensive responsibilities, PAs conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventive health care, assist in surgery, and prescribe medications. PAs promote quality, cost effective medical care to all members of society.

About the Program
Graduates of the Physician Assistant Studies Program are awarded a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies after completing the 29-month curriculum. Graduates are eligible to take the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination and upon successful completion, are then eligible for state certification/licensure to practice as a certified Physician Assistant.

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About the Program (continued)
The Physician Assistant Studies Program at the University of Kentucky was initiated in 1973 and is the longest-running Physician Assistant program in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), which is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

In 1996, the program was expanded to include instruction at Morehead State University and is housed in the state-of-the-art CHER Building. The PAS program offers opportunities for international engagement and instruction including clinical clerkship rotations in various areas of the world, including Africa, Central America, England, and South America. Additional international opportunities exist within the College of Health Sciences.

Prerequisites*

- Four-year college degree
- One semester each of the following prerequisite courses with a C grade or better:
  - Biology/Zoology with lab
  - General Chemistry I with lab
  - General Chemistry II with lab
  - Organic Chemistry with lab
  - Microbiology with lab
  - Human Physiology
  - Human Anatomy
  - General Psychology
  - Developmental Psychology
  - Sociology/Anthropology
  - Medical Terminology
  - Statistics

Additional Requirements

- GRE
- TOFEL (*when applicable*)
- Direct patient care experience
- Shadowing hours
- Certification in Basic Life Support through the American Heart Association

For more information, please visit the website at bit.ly.UK_PAS.

Admission

Admission to the PA program involves a two-step application and an in-person interview for the best-qualified candidates. You must apply to the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA: https://portal.caspaonline.org) and the UK Graduate School (www.research.uky.edu/gs). Classes begin in January each year.

*Prerequisites subject to change. Please visit the website for the most up-to-date information.