



Teaching, Learning, and Academic Innovation

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Attention University of Kentucky Physician Assistant Studies Program:

Graduates of the Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies (PAS) 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.

Pursuant to the Higher Education Act; 34 CFR 668.41(a)-(d); 34 CFR 668.43; and SARA 19.2, a program that leads to professional licensure or certification or that affirms to advance toward obtaining such credentials, must *explicitly* state that the course or program either:

- Meets the educational requirements for professional licensure;
- Does NOT meet the educational requirements for professional licensure; or that
- It cannot be determined whether the program meets the educational requirements for professional licensure.

This information must be provided as it relates to professional licensure and certification requirements for each state. This means the program must provide a state-by-state listing.

The information below identifies the general requirements to obtain a Physician Assistant license/certification in each state and discloses whether successful completion of the PAS program meets these requirements. This information should be made available to students, the public and the program's faculty, staff and personnel.

Thank you,

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DISCLOSURES

Physician Assistant Professional Licensure/Certification

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Disclaimer:

Other than the options discussed below, there may be additional alternative routes to becoming licensed in another state. However, the routes described below are most applicable to graduates of the University of Kentucky’s PAS program.

The descriptions below only provide a brief overview of each state’s requirements. This information does not contain an exhaustive list of requirements. Additionally, state boards and departments continually make changes and updates to rules, regulations and requirements. Consequently, students should **not** rely solely on this information in pursuing registration, certification or licensure in another state. Students should consult the appropriate state board or department to learn more about all associated details and requirements.

Prospective and current students: Please keep in mind that all states require persons to be licensed or certified as a Physician Assistant (PA) before they can legally engage in professional practice. Licensing requirements vary by state and may include additional exams, years of experience, etc.

If you plan to practice as a Physician Assistant in another state, you should determine if the University of Kentucky’s PAS program meets the educational requirements for licensure or certification in that state.

Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, District of Columbia (D.C.), Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin

The PAS program meets the educational requirements to obtain a professional

Physician Assistant license/certification in the above states.

To be eligible to obtain a professional PA license/certification in these states a person must have:

1. Successfully completed a physician assistant training program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health (or CAAHEP) Programs or its successor organization; and
2. Passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE).

*There are additional general requirements other than the requirements outlined above (applications, fees, background checks, etc.).

Additionally, each state board and or department has the authority and discretion to determine whether a PA license will be issued.

Students should contact the appropriate state board/department and visit the appropriate state licensing board/department website to learn more information about all associated requirements.

Alaska

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/StateMedicalBoard/ProfessionalLicenseSearch.aspx>

The PAS program does not meet the educational requirements needed to obtain a Physician Assistant license/certification in Alaska.

To be eligible to obtain a professional PA license/certification in Alaska a person must:

1. Have successfully completed a physician assistant training program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health (or CAAHEP) Programs or its successor organization;
2. Passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE);
3. Hold a current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA); and
4. Completed at least 2 hours of education in pain management and opioid use and addiction

*There are additional general requirements other than the requirements outlined above (applications, fees, background checks, etc.).

Visit Alaska's applicable website for an exhaustive list of details and requirements.

Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts

The PAS program meets the educational requirements to obtain a Physician Assistant license/certification in the above states.

To be eligible to obtain a professional PA license/certification in these states a person must:

1. Hold at least a bachelor's degree;
2. Have successfully completed a physician assistant training program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health (or CAAHEP) Programs or its successor organization; and
3. Passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE)

*There are additional general requirements other than the requirements outlined above (applications, fees, background checks, etc.).

Students should contact the appropriate state board/department and visit the appropriate state licensing board/department website to learn more information about all associated requirements.

Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, New Hampshire, South Carolina, West Virginia, Wyoming

The PAS program meets the educational requirements to obtain a Physician Assistant license/certification in the above states.

To be eligible to obtain a professional PA license/certification in these states a person must:

1. Have successfully completed a physician assistant training program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health (or

CAAHEP) Programs or its successor organization;

2. Passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE); and
3. Hold a current certificate issued by the NCCPA

*There are additional general requirements other than the requirements outlined above (applications, fees, background checks, etc.).

Students should contact the appropriate state board/department and visit the appropriate state licensing board/department website to learn more information about all associated requirements.

Maine

<https://www.maine.gov/md/licensure/physician-assistants.html>

The PAS program meets the educational requirements to obtain a Physician Assistant license/certification in Maine.

To be eligible to obtain a professional PA license/certification in Maine a person must:

1. Have successfully completed a physician assistant training program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health (or CAAHEP) Programs or its successor organization;
2. Passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE); and
3. Pass an approved jurisprudence exam

*There are additional general requirements other than the requirements outlined above (applications, fees, background checks, etc.).

Visit Maine's applicable website for an exhaustive list of details and requirements.

Minnesota, Missouri

The PAS program meets the educational requirements to obtain a Physician Assistant license/certification in the above states.

To be eligible to obtain a professional PA license/certification in the above states a person must:

1. Hold a current certification from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, or its successor agency

*There are additional general requirements other than the requirements outlined above (applications, fees, background checks, etc.).

Students should contact the appropriate state board/department and visit the appropriate state licensing board/department website to learn more information about all associated requirements.

Mississippi

https://www.msbl.ms.gov/Licensure/Physician_Assistant

The PAS program meets the educational requirements to obtain a Physician Assistant license/certification in Mississippi.

To be eligible to obtain a professional PA license/certification in Mississippi a person must:

1. Hold at least a bachelor's degree;
2. Have successfully completed a physician assistant training program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health (or CAAHEP) Programs or its successor organization;

3. Passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE); and
4. Hold a current certificate issued by the NCCPA

*There are additional general requirements other than the requirements outlined above (applications, fees, background checks, etc.).

Visit Mississippi's applicable website for an exhaustive list of details and requirements.

Nevada

<http://medboard.nv.gov/Forms/PhysicianAsst/>

<http://medboard.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/mednvgov/content/Licenses/PhysicianAssistantApplication2019-2021.pdf>

The PAS program meets the educational requirements to obtain a Physician Assistant license/certification in Nevada.

To be eligible to obtain a professional PA license/certification in Nevada a person must:

1. Hold at least a high school diploma;
2. Have successfully completed a physician assistant training program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health (or CAAHEP) Programs or its successor organization;
3. Passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE); and
4. Hold a current certificate issued by the NCCPA

*There are additional general requirements other than the requirements outlined above (applications, fees, background checks, etc.).

Visit Nevada's applicable website for an exhaustive list of details and requirements.

Ohio

<https://med.ohio.gov/Apply/Physician-Assistant-PA>

The PAS program meets the educational requirements to obtain a Physician Assistant license/certification in Ohio.

To be eligible to obtain a professional PA license/certification in Ohio a person must:

1. Hold at least a master's degree obtained from a program accredited by the accreditation review commission on education for the physician assistant or a predecessor or successor organization; and
2. Hold a current certificate issued by the NCCPA

*There are additional general requirements other than the requirements outlined above (applications, fees, background checks, etc.).

Visit Ohio's applicable website for an exhaustive list of details and requirements.

Pennsylvania

<https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Medicine/Pages/default.aspx>

The PAS program meets the educational requirements to obtain a Physician Assistant license/certification in Pennsylvania.

To be eligible to obtain a professional PA license/certification in Pennsylvania a person must:

1. Have successfully completed a physician assistant training program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health (or CAAHEP) Programs or its successor organization;
2. Passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE); and

3. Attained satisfactory performance on the proficiency exam (if applicable)

*There are additional general requirements other than the requirements outlined above (applications, fees, background checks, etc.).

Visit Pennsylvania's applicable website for an exhaustive list of details and requirements.

Texas

<http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/page/licensing-physician-assistants>

The PAS program meets the educational requirements to obtain a Physician Assistant license/certification in Texas.

To be eligible to obtain a professional PA license/certification in Texas a person must:

1. Have successfully completed a physician assistant training program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health (or CAAHEP) Programs or its successor organization;
2. Passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE);

3. Hold a current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA); and

4. Pass an approved jurisprudence exam

*There are additional general requirements other than the requirements outlined above (applications, fees, background checks, etc.).

Visit Texas' applicable website for an exhaustive list of details and requirements.