

MEDICAL SCIENCE FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS D.M.S.C.

The Doctor of Medical Science program prepares master's prepared, licensed physician assistants for expanding leadership roles as advanced practice providers. The program prepares practitioners to develop advanced skills in leadership, technology, education and research to deliver innovative, evidence-based services in healthcare and higher education. The Doctor of Medical Science provides advanced preparation of licensed physician assistants aligning their academic credentials with other leaders in the healthcare field.

Code	Title	Credits
PA-650	Technology in Physician Assistant Practice	3.0
PA-651	Healthcare Leadership	3.0
PA-652	Process Improvement in Healthcare	3.0
PA-653	Professional, Ethical, and Legal Issues in Medicine	3.0
PA-654	Curriculum Development and Teaching Strategies in Physician Assistant Education	3.0
PA-655	Social Determinants of Health in Medicine and Education	2.0
PA-656	Assessment and Accreditation in PA Education	3.0
PA-700	Research Methods and Design in Medicine	3.0
PA-701	Biostatistics in Medical Research	3.0
PA-702	Capstone Project	4.0
Total Credits		30

In addition to the general academic regulations for graduate programs, the following regulations apply for this doctoral program:

Doctoral students are required to receive a grade of B or higher in all courses in the curriculum. Students who receive less than a B (B-, C +, etc.) will have to repeat that course and will be placed on academic probation. A course may be repeated one time only. The original grade will be replaced by the second grade whether higher or lower. Students who receive a grade of B- or below twice for the same course will be dismissed from the program.

Academic Probation

Students enrolled in the doctoral programs who receive a grade of B- or below will be notified in writing that they have been placed on academic probation. Academic probation will then apply to the next semester of their enrollment, including summer semesters. Students who have been placed on academic probation must successfully complete all coursework with grades of B or higher in the next semester of their enrollment in order to be removed from academic probation. Students who have been placed on academic probation, and receive a grade of B- or below for any course taken in the next semester of their enrollment, will be dismissed from the program.

Students who are taking coursework, and are carrying an "I" (Incomplete) grade from any previous doctoral coursework, and who have a grade of B-

or below submitted to replace any I grade, will immediately be placed on academic probation for the current semester of their enrollment.

Completion of a master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies, with a minimum of 36 graduate credit hours with grades of B or better.

Initial certification as a Physician Assistant by the National Commission on Certification of PAs (NCCPA) and state license to practice as a physician assistant.

Minimum graduate grade point average of 3.00 (based on a 4.00 system).

Two letters of professional recommendation from professors and/or employers/supervisors focusing on the candidate's potential for success in a doctoral program.

A brief written statement (500-1000 words) of goals for pursuing doctoral study.

One writing sample, including examples from within your graduate program coursework, or an individual scholarly publication.

Applications for admission are considered on a competitive basis.