• Prepares graduates to be certified and licensed to practice as extenders to practicing physicians
• Students learn to practice as primary care providers
• Two-year curriculum integrates basic medical sciences, clinical methods, and clinical experiences
• Highly structured problem-based learning (PBL) format encourages students to learn new material by confronting and solving problems in the form of a clinical patient case
• Students serve local, national, and international communities through active involvement in service-oriented programs for medically underserved populations and professional organizations
• Students choose their clinical rotations through affiliations with local, national and international clinical facilities
• Curriculum stresses evidence-based practice and professionalism
• Faculty are clinically active and professionally involved
• Small class sizes with ratios as low as 1:8, with faculty accessible to students
• Prepares graduates to practice as generalists in all areas of medicine or to practice in any medical specialty
• A first-time pass rate average of 92% the past five years on the national certifying exam
• An admission process that positively achieves the educational benefits of a student body that is both diverse and academically excellent
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
- A baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited college or university or completion of the Accelerated Graduate Program
- Cumulative science course GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale with a minimum 20 semester credits
- Overall GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale
- Required prerequisite courses; grades of less than “B” are not acceptable in prerequisite courses
- Demonstration of ethical, personal, and/or professional qualities necessary to fulfill the role of a physician assistant
- Application deadline is October 1
- All applications for admission must be done through CASPA (Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants) at www.CASPAonline.org
- Official transcripts verifying cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above submitted through CASPA
- Evidence of community service/volunteer experience (either related to healthcare or not healthcare related)
- Three references: one academic, one from a volunteer or work experience, and one other (candidate’s choice) submitted through CASPA
- Shadowing experience information must be submitted on the CASPA application

Holistic Approach to Admissions Process
After verifying that the minimum requirements are met, a holistic approach is used in reviewing the candidate’s entire application. This includes an evaluation of academic achievements, personal characteristics, personal attributes, and life experiences.

PREREQUISITES
- General biology with lab (two terms)
- General chemistry with lab (two terms)
- Physiology, animal or human (one term)
- General psychology (one term)
- Genetics (one term)
- Statistics (one term)
- Nutrition (one term)
- Anatomy with lab (one term)
- Microbiology (one term)
- English
- Child Psychology or Lifespan Developmental Psychology (one term)
- Medical Terminology (one term, online course, or workbook)

COURSE CURRICULUM
YEAR 1
Seminar 1 (5 credits)
- Introduction to the PA Profession (1 cr)
- History & Physical Examination (4 cr)
Fall (20 credits)
- Essentials for the Physician Assistant I (9 cr)
- Clinical Application of Basic Sciences I (4 cr)
- Critical Reading of the Literature I (1 cr)
- Introduction to Clinical Experience I (1 cr)
Spring (20 credits)
- Essentials for the Physician Assistant II (9 cr)
- Clinical Application of Basic Sciences II (4 cr)
- Critical Reading of the Literature II (1 cr)
- Introduction to Clinical Experience II (1 cr)
Maymester: Seminar 2 (3 credits)
- Clinical Procedures (2 cr)
- Medical Ethics (1 cr)
Summer (7 credits)
- Clinical Decision Making I (1 cr)
- Clinical Experience I (3 cr)
- Clinical Experience II (3 cr)

YEAR 2
Fall (10 credits)
- Clinical Decision Making II (1 cr)
- Clinical Experience III (3 cr)
Spring (11 credits)
- Clinical Decision Making III (2 cr)
- Clinical Experience VI (3 cr)
Summer (4 credits)
- Clinical Decision Making IV (1 cr)
- Seminar 3 (5 credits)
- Topics in Clinical Medicine (3 cr)
- Healthcare Policy (1 cr)
- Clinical Experience IV (3 cr)
- Clinical Experience V (3 cr)
- Clinical Experience VII (3 cr)
- Clinical Experience VIII (3 cr)
- Clinical Experience IX (3 cr)
- Program to Practice (1 cr)