

Madison PA Program

- Mission: The PA Program will educate primary health care professionals committed to the delivery of comprehensive, preventative, and therapeutic health care in a culturally and ethnically sensitive manner, with an emphasis on primary health care for diverse populations and regions in need.
- Applicants:
 - Mission Match
 - Veteran of or currently serving in the military
 - From a health professions shortage area or medically underserved community
 - Economically disadvantaged background
 - First generation college student
 - Enrolled in a federally recognized tribe
 - Mission Match applicants will be considered over equally matched non-Mission Match applicants
 - 70% of those admitted are from Wisconsin
- Curricular Tracks
 - 3 Campuses (24 months)
 - Main campus: Madison campus
 - Full time in person
 - Wausau campus: distant campus
 - Video conference into most lectures from Madison
 - Only in person Monday and Wednesday
 - Skills labs have in person instructor
 - Complete anatomy in person in Madison
 - Platteville campus: distant campus
 - Video conference into most lectures from Madison
 - Full time in person every day
 - Skills labs have in person instructor
 - 2 distance education tracks (36 months, 2 years didactic)
 - Traditional distance education track
 - Come in twice during a semester for 4-5 days at a time
 - Regional distance education track (within driving distance)
 - Come to Madison during the week
 - 1 dual-degree track (33 months)
 - Masters of Public Health (MPH) -Masters in Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS)
 - Matriculation into PA program preceded by one fall semester and one spring semester of MPH coursework
- Tuition
 - Madison
 - 59 students
 - In-state: \$41,818.50

- Out-of-state: \$84,904.18
 - Wausau
 - 12 students
 - In-state: \$41,818.50
 - Out-of-state: \$84,904.18
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 - Platteville
 - 12 students
 - In-state: \$45,436.50
 - Out-of-state: \$88,522.18
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 - Dual Degree
 - In-state: \$57,167.18
 - Out-of-state: \$115,920.38
 - Distance
 - In-state: \$57,167.18
 - Out-of-state: \$115,920.38
- Didactic Year
 - Teach in units for traditional track
- Clinical Year
 - 4 clinical rotations
 - Not all in the same hospital
 - 8 weeks of surgical specialty
 - Can be 8 weeks of one specialty, or 2 four week rotations in separate specialties
 - Deciding sites depends on student preference
 - Have clinical sites in MN, WI, MI
 - Will not make you drive over an hour for clinic sites
 - Could be an hour radius from Green Bay for example
- Requirements
 - Bachelor's Degree (Any Major)
 - Prerequisite Coursework
 - General Biology with lab
 - General Microbiology with lab
 - Biochemistry
 - Human Anatomy
 - Needs to be done within 3 years of matriculation
 - Online refresher course offered
 - Human Physiology
 - Psychology
 - Statistics
 - GPA
 - Cum. Overall 3.2

- Cum. Overall science 3.2
 - 1,000 hours of patient care experience at time of application
 - Partially responsible for a patient
 - Work closely with, directly care for, and monitor patients
 - Does not count scribe or pharmacy tech
 - Accept patient care from as far back as you have it
 - 3-5 letters of recommendation
 - One has to be someone who has worked with you in a healthcare setting
 - Casper skills test
 - Shadowing
 - Not required, but highly recommended!
 - Want to see everything, even other than PA
 - Average is 10-40 hours
 - Not rolling admissions
 - Applying to sites
 - Can apply for two sites (such as Wausau and Madison or dual degree)
 - They decide where you go
 - Only interview at one
 - Distance programs and dual degree have far less applicants
- Competitive Applicants
 - Strong academics – GPA, trends
 - Relevant patient care experience
 - Well written essays
 - Answer the prompt
 - Tell us about the applicant as a person
 - Strong letters of recommendation
 - Speak both personally and professionally to the applicant
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UWL PA Program

- Mission: In collaboration with nationally renowned partners, we develop exemplary PAs, in an inclusive culture, who equitably optimize the health of our region.

- Quad-Partnership PA program
 - Gundersen
 - La Crosse, WI area
 - Mayo Clinic
 - Rochester, MN area
 - Marshfield Clinic
 - Marshfield, WI area
- Number of students: 28
 - Cohort is very close
 - Faculty gets to know students well
 - Have faculty advisors
- Length of Program: 24 months
 - Year round
 - Start Tuesday after Memorial Day
 - Have 1-2 weeks off between semesters
- Prerequisite courses
 - Biology
 - Anatomy
 - Physiology
 - Upper level biology
 - Chemistry
 - General chemistry
 - Organic chemistry
 - Biochemistry or cell biology
 - Math
 - Statistics
 - Pre-calculus
 - 2 algebras or trigonometry can substitute
 - Microbiology
 - General microbiology
 - Psychology
 - 1 course
- Selection Factors for an Interview
 - Overall GPA – 40%
 - Must have minimum of 3.0 GPA
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 - Science GPA – 30%
 - Must have minimum of 3.0 GPA
 - Consists of science pre-requisites
 - CASPER – 20%
 - Current Employee of Clinical Partners or UWL Undergraduate – 10%
 - Either one or the other, will not be 20% boost if you have both
 - Removed GRE

- 2024 cycle had 625 applicants
 - Interviewed 90
- Interviews
 - 2 interviews, each are 40 minutes long
 - Group Panel Interview
 - 3 interviewers and 3 interviewees
- Selection Factors at Interview
 - Interpersonal skills
 - Essays and letters of recommendation
 - Knowledge of the PA profession
 - Health Care Experience
 - Score 1-5 for quality
 - Higher hour requirement for certification is ranked higher, such as EMT
 - Highest would be a bachelor's degree such as RN or AT
 - Potential to Stay in the Area
 - Rigor of Undergraduate Education
- Patient Care Experience
 - No minimum, most applications have at least 1000+ hours
 - Accept scribe
- Why attend our program?
 - Reputation for quality
 - Committed clinical partners
 - Fantastic, well-established rotations during your clinical year
 - Economical tuition and fees
 - Small class size
 - Consistent job placement
 - Beautiful, vibrant La Crosse community
 - Student support – minds matter, dedicated advisor, and clinical “buddy”
 - Clinical buddy is in the year ahead
 - Expert faculty
- Tuition
 - In state: \$49,031
- Didactic
 - J-term is online synchronous
- Clinical
 - 11 four week rotations
 - 7 required
 - Family medicine
 - Internal medicine
 - General surgery
 - Women's health

- Pediatrics
 - Behavioral health
 - Emergency medicine
 - 4 specialty
 - Medical specialties
 - Surgical specialties
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