

# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

## Physician Assistant Mission

To improve universal access to health care by graduating highly competent and confident Physician Assistants prepared to provide exceptional quality, patient-centered ethical health care in a collaborative environment.

## Bryant University Physician Assistant Program Vision

The Bryant University Physician Assistant program will:

- Graduate top performing physician assistants from a rigorous program
- Prepare physician assistant students to perform in any clinical environment
- Engage physician assistant students in the pursuit of lifelong learning
- Instill in our students a desire to seek roles in leadership
- Ensure commitment to furthering the success of our profession

## Goals of the Bryant University Physician Assistant Program

1. Prepare our physician assistant students to excel in all of the competencies required for PA practice by providing a rigorous and supportive program in which to develop the knowledge, interpersonal, clinical, and technical skills, professional behaviors, and clinical reasoning and problem solving abilities necessary to clinical care
2. Prepare our physician assistant students to meet the needs of our health care system by providing a strong primary care experience caring for under-served populations and by developing an understanding of the health care delivery and payment systems that affect health care access, outcomes, and potential disparities
3. Develop and support our physician assistant students' commitment and ability to serve in leadership roles as advocates for patients and the PA profession
4. Develop and strengthen our physician assistant students' skills and habits critical for life-long learning and continuous practice-based self-improvement
5. Facilitate achieving our program's mission, vision, and goals by integrating and supporting diverse perspectives throughout the curriculum, including global and inter-professional perspectives, in order to best serve the needs of our diverse patients and communities

## Bryant University Physician Assistant Program Accreditation Status

The ARC-PA has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the Bryant University Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Bryant University. Accreditation-Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program's ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards or when a program holding Accreditation-Provisional status appears to

demonstrate continued progress in complying with the Standards as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students. Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class.

## Faculty

### Director of Physician Assistant Program

Jay Amrien  
Clinical Associate Professor

### Medical Director

Peter King

### Associate Program Director

Christopher Furbee

### Director of Didactic Education

Christopher Ferreira

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Susan Richmond

## Physician Assistant Program Curriculum Courses by Semester

The physician assistant program is a 27-month, 126 semester hour course of study leading to a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies degree.

The program consists of 9 terms:

### First Year

| First Term |                                | Credit Hours             |
|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| PA 501     | Physiology and Pathophysiology | 3                        |
| PA 502     | Clinical Pharmacology          | 3                        |
| PA 503     | Human Anatomy                  | 4                        |
| PA 504     | Clinical Laboratory            | 2                        |
| PA 505     | Research Methods               | 1                        |
| PA 506     | Genetics                       | 1                        |
|            |                                | <b>Term Credit Hours</b> |
|            |                                | <b>14</b>                |

### Second Term

|        |                                  |   |
|--------|----------------------------------|---|
| PA 510 | Clinical Medicine I              | 5 |
| PA 511 | Clinical Medicine II             | 5 |
| PA 512 | History and Physical Examination | 3 |

|                    |                                    |    |                      |  |    |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|----|----------------------|--|----|
| PA 513             | Electrocardiography                |    | PA 536               | Clinical   | 2  |
| PA 515             | Behavioral Medicine                | 2  |                      | Correlations   |    |
|                    |                                    |    |                      | Three  |    |
| PA 516             | Clinical Correlations One          | 2  |                      | Term   | 23 |
|                    |                                    |    |                      | Credit Hours   |    |
| PA 524             | Public Health and Dental Medicine  | 1  |                      | Total  | 78 |
|                    |                                    |    |                      | Credit Hours:  |    |
| <hr/>              |                                    |    | <b>Clinical Year</b> |  |    |
|                    | Term Credit Hours                  | 19 | PA 601               | Inpatient Internal Medicine Supervised Clinical Practice Experience  | 4  |
| <b>Third Term</b>  |                                    |    | PA 602               | Outpatient Internal Medicine Supervised Clinical Practice Experience | 4  |
| PA 514             | Diagnostic Testing and Imaging     | 1  | PA 603               | Family Medicine Supervised Clinical Practice Experience              | 4  |
| PA 520             | Clinical Medicine III              | 5  | PA 604               | General Surgery Supervised Clinical Practice Experience              | 4  |
| PA 521             | Clinical Medicine IV               | 5  | PA 605               | Pediatrics Supervised Clinical Practice Experience                   | 4  |
| PA 522             | Pediatrics                         | 4  | PA 606               | Obstetrics and Gynecology Supervised Clinical Practice Experience    | 4  |
| PA 523             | Orthopedics                        | 4  | PA 607               | Psychiatry Supervised Clinical Practice Experience                   | 4  |
| PA 525             | Clinical Skills                    | 1  | PA 608               | Emergency Medicine Supervised Clinical Practice Experience           | 4  |
| PA 526             | Clinical Correlations Two          | 2  | PA 609               | Orthopedics Supervised Clinical Practice Experience                  | 4  |
|                    | Term Credit Hours                  | 22 | PA 610               | Dermatology Supervised Clinical Practice Experience                  | 4  |
|                    |                                    |    | PA 611               | Elective Supervised Clinical Practice Experience                     | 4  |
|                    |                                    |    | PA 612               | Mini Clinical Supervised Clinical Practice Experience                | 4  |
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|                    |                                    |    | Total Credit Hours   |  | 48 |
| <b>Fourth Term</b> |                                    |    |                      |  |    |
| PA 530             | Clinical Medicine V                | 5  |                      |  |    |
| PA 531             | Clinical Medicine VI               | 5  |                      |  |    |
| PA 532             | Emergency Medicine                 | 6  |                      |  |    |
| PA 533             | Surgery                            | 3  |                      |  |    |
| PA 534             | Medical Ethics and Law             | 1  |                      |  |    |
| PA 535             | PA History and Professional Issues | 1  |                      |  |    |